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Above: Deputy Detense Secretary Paul Wolfowtz has dinner with wounded servicemembers Thursday right in the Pentagon. Diring with Wolfowtz Isa at Int. Amy National Guard. Capt. Troy O'Dolney, commander of the 1544th Transportation Company based in Paris, Ill., and Guard 1st Lt. Ed Salau, assigned to the 1st Statislion, 120th Infantry, 30th Brigade in Lumberton, N.C. Right: Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks with Spc. Chad Johnson of the Fort Hood, Texas-based 1st Cavalry Division. Johnson lost his leg in an improvised explosive device bals on Sept. 20 in Iraq.

■ Medical technology advances keep more casualties from becoming fatalities

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## ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### World

Ukraine election turmoil: Ukrainian opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko promised Friday to prose-cute government officials and their supporters for crimes committed dur-

ing the last decade should he win Ukraine's Dec. 26 rerun of the presidential election. Vushchenko faces Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych in the repeat of the Nov. 21

vote. The Supreme Court threw out Yanuk ovych's victory in that runoff, saying it was invalidated by fraud.

Meanwhile, Yanukovych accused his rival of an unfair election campaign and said his camp would retaliate

Looking tired and defensive, Yanukovych said Yushchenko's allies had tried to intimi date his supporters in western Ukraine, and that in reshuffling the Central Election Commission they left him without a single representative

"The vote results won't be fair." Yanukovvch said.

Oil-for-food scandal: U.N. diplomats say they are concerned that calls for Secre tary-General Kofi Annan's resignation and allegations of widespread corruption in the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq could derail plans for a sweeping reform of the Unit-

ed Nations. When a blue ribbon panel, after a year's work, released a report last week on how the world body should tackle wars, terror-

ism, nuclear proliferation, poverty and other threats, the spotlight should have been on its 101 recommendations, officials say.

Instead, the report was eclipsed by headlines that Sen. Norm Coleman, a Minnesota Republican, was call-ing for Annan's resignaover the oil-for-food allegations



U.N. war crimes tribunal: A human rights group in Bosnia-Herzegovina said Friday that an offer by the Bosnian Serb government to pay special welfare benefits to war crimes suspects who surrender to the U.N. war crimes tribunal is immoral.

The government announced this week that fugitives who turn themselves in by Dec. 31 would qualify for monthly payments while they are on trial or serving prison terms, as will their families

Family members also would get two free

Coast Guard rescue attempt: The wreckage of a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter was swept ashore on the eastern part of Skan Bay near Unalaska, Alaska, on Thursday. Frustrated by furious winds, mountainous seas and a mere five-hour window of December daylight, rescuers searched for six people lost in the Bering Sea after the helicopter that had plucked them from the crippled freighter Selendang Ayu crashed in the darkness. A major fuel spill from the grounded freighter threatens sensitive wildlife habitats in the Aleutian Islands, but finding the lost crewmembers remains a priority, officials said.

trips a year to the Hague, Netherlands, by women religious." But, the officials where the court is based

"It is absolutely scandalous and immoral that Serb authorities are using taxpavers money to compensate their incompetence and inability to arrest war crimes suspects, said Branko Todorovic of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, a Vienna-based rights watchdog

#### States

Church abuse allegations: An association representing 75,000 Roman Catholic nuns has rejected a proposal from a victims advocary group designed to encourage people who were sexually molested by nuns to come forward and get help.

The proposal was presented to officials of the Silver Spring, Md.-based Leadership Conference of Women Religious, an umbrella group of women's religious orders, by representatives of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests when the two sides met privately in Chicago on Oct. 3.

Conference officials responded to the requests in a Nov. 22 letter, saying the group's efforts had heightened "our awareness of the long-term effects of sexual misconduct wrote, they could not "meet their specific requests in the manner indicated

Experimental flu vaccine: A Europeanproduced flu vaccine widely used in other countries will be tested at four locations in the United States, the government announced

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease is launching the trial in an effort to increase the supply of flu vaccine in this country.

The United States is millions of doses short on flu vaccine this year because of manufacturing problems at a major produc-

er of the vaccine. NIAID said Thursday it hopes to enroll 1,000 healthy adults in the new tests by Dec. 23 in Rochester, N.Y., Cincinnati, Baltimore and Houston.

While more than 126 million doses of the test vaccine. Fluarix, have been distributed in more than 70 countries worldwide. Fluarix has never been tested or licensed for use in the United States. It is made by Glaxo-SmithKline PLC's subsidiary GlaxoSmith-Kline Biologicals of Rixensart, Belgium.

Stories and photo from wire service



# Navy tests new uniforms for lower enlisted

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER Stars and Strines

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain - The Navy is trying out new service uniform styles for lower enlisted sailors that are de signed to be more comfortable and worn

The plan is to find one uniform to replace the summer white, winter blue and tropical uniforms.

The Navy unveiled the new designs Wednesday at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. Service uniforms are typically worn at office work spaces at shore bases and commands

The concepts come in two types: gray or khaki shirts with Navy blue pants or skirts. The prototype with the gray shirt and blue slacks looks slightly like the Air Force's service uniform. The khaki version looks a lot like the Marine Corps uni-

The new designs attracted mixed reviews from sailors

Petty Officer 2nd Class Lenore Gregory, a storekeeper at Naval Station Rota, likes having a year-round uniform but thought the khaki style looked too much like the of-

ficer or chief petty officer uniform. "Oh my goodness." she said, when she saw the khaki version in a picture. "That's disgusting. That's not good at all. We know

who's a chief and who's not a chief. That kind of separated us. ... They couldn't be 'khakis' any more because there's no distinction.3

Petty Officer 2nd Class Angel Ortiz, a reservist with the base security department, also preferred the gray shirt and Navy

"They're going to say you're a chief or an officer," Ortiz said of the khaki shirt. "But they do look better."

About 550 sailors at commands across the globe will test-wear the uniforms this winter. Overseas locations include Naples. Italy and Vokosuka Japan

The prototypes include several options including sewn-in creases versus pressed creases, and two styles of garrison caps

For females, the pants and the skirts do not need a belt. The blouse for the females is meant to be untucked and extend over

the top of the slacks. Both shirts will be tested in wool or poly ester fabrics for comfort.

After the six-month testing phase, the Navy will collect fleet-wide surveys and hand them to the chief of naval operations. If he decides to change the uniform, the Navy will begin phasing in the new uni-form within 18 to 24 months.

A Navy task force conducted more than 40,000 surveys to find out what types of



styles sailors would like and what changes they would like to see made to the current uniforms. The group came up with the designs based on that input.

Surveys found that lower-ranking sailors, those in pay rates E-6 and below, were the least satisfied with their uniforms They especially disliked the summer white uniforms because they got so dirty, the Navy said.

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# Yokota opens revamped air passenger terminal

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - The

Air Mobility Command's passenger terminal is back in its permanent spot following a \$1.7 million renovation project that began in late February.

A Tokyo contractor removed all as bestos that couldn't be crushed, rewired electrical components and made some minor structural changes in Building 80, just inside the terminal gate. Workers also constructed a secondary retaining wall outside the facility to elevate security

For the past 10 months, the AMC terminal was operated out of Building 1213, the old base exchange on Yokota's west side. That now will be converted into a new bowling center, slated to open in January 2006.

The changeover was completed last Sunday night, when officials closed the temporary site and relocated across the street the next morning.

"We've still got some scattered items over there. Otherwise, it's completely closed," said Capt. Jim Hearn, the 730th Air Mobility Squadron's aerial port flight commander, who's in charge of Yokota's passenger and freight termi-

"There's just some small office stuff that needs to be moved. All of our customer-service stuff is already over "We've had great support from every-

body. It's been relatively painless so far The Army and Air Force Exchange

Service restaurant, which received a divider wall during the overhaul, will reopen Wednesday at 4:30 a.m.

The terminal's redesigned entrance area — now partially enclosed to keep passengers out of the elements should provide easier access to the cafechines have been shifted to the gated section in the back, Hearn said

"People are free to come and go for the AAFES cafeteria. Before, they had to go through the machines to get inside the terminal," he said. "There's no longer a single point of entry, so they'll get more husiness

"If we have to go to higher force-protection levels we can move the X-ray machine out to the entrance," Hearn added. "With the facility upgrades, we have the ability to expand security and force-protection methods at any time.

Other amenities include a distinguished-visitor lounge, slightly expanded children's play area, vending ma-chines in the gated area that dispense hot food, new baggage carts and a fami ly room with lounge chairs, video ames, TVs, books and magazines. Hearn said the business center - complete with Internet access, mailbox, phone cards and fax machine — should be fully functional within the next two months

Over that same span, AMC officials also will purchase replacement televisions, flat-screen monitors to display flight information and more toys for the

The building now features larger, more modernized bathrooms to better accommodate the 350 people who routinely pass through Yokota on Patriot Express missions

The newly built force-protection barrier outside negates the need for a standoff area in the parking lot - a requirement under AMC terminal security standards — so workers partially re-designed the lot to open up 20 addition-

"The building is much more aesthetically pleasing," Hearn said, "but we're providing the same level of service we



Airman 1st Class Brian Bicham of the 730th Aviation Maintenance Squadron checks the ticketing computer for bugs Tuesday at the newly renovated passen-ger terminal on Yokota Air Base, Japan.

did before both in the temporary location and over here

Still, he conceded, the tempo should be considerably less hectic for AMC personnel now that they're back in the home building, particularly on week-ends, when the Patriot Express makes two flights. During the renovation, each flight required eight to 10 bus trips across Highway 16 to get travelers onto the plane

"I'm real proud of our guys," Hearn said. "They adapted to operations over there really well. I expected them to do well, but they exceeded all expecta-

Yokota's AMC terminal is a central hub on the Kanto Plain, handling about 9.000 passengers a month. That figure can climb as high as 13,000 during the peak summer travel months.

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# 300 airmen at Yokota set to deploy in Jan.

BY VINCE LITTLE Stare and Strings

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — About 300 troops from the 374th Airlift Wing will deploy throughout Southwest Asia next month in support of the global war on terrorism.

Yokota officials declined to specify when, saying only that they'd be sent at different stages in January Personnel from several squadrons and agencies are among them, including civil engineer, communications, mission support, wing staff, medical, logistic readiness, maintenance, aircraft maintenance, operational support, air postal, comptroller, weather, secu-

tional support, an possal, comprisiner, weather, security forces, contracting and services.

It's part of a scheduled Air Force Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation cycle. Yokota is in the first and second phases of the cycle, said 1st LL Warren Comer, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman, with the up-coming round representing AEF 3 and 4. This summer, due to greater demands on the Air Force since Sept. 11, 2001, deployment lengths for most airmen were increased from 90 days to 120 in a policy change issued by Gen. John P. Jumper, the service's chief of staff The AEF cycle also moved from 15 months to 20

onths — meaning airmen will be eligible to deploy for four months and then have a 16-month training cycle. Servicemembers are expected to rotate once uring the cycle, although some airmen in stressed specialties, such as security forces and pararescue, may face longer stints.

Each deployment is significant and unique, said Col. Mark Schissler, the 374th Airlift Wing commander, who praised the contributions of Yokota airmen in the war on terror. "Every American that puts their life in danger for

the cause of freedom is a true hero in my book," he said. "I am surrounded by people like that every day. The world is becoming a safer place because of their willingness to serve, even in harm's way.
"The war on terror is one that we have to finish in

our generation; we cannot and will not pass this burden on to our children and grandchildren. They deserve to inherit a world free of terror and fear, where peace can grow and people can pursue their dreams

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# **MILITARY UPDATE**

# **Troops protected** from weak dollar

### DOD committee follows formula to make adjustments to COLA, OHA

Sammarco, "If not, we don't make

a change. We wait until the next

One weakness of this "accumu-

ances is the time lag responding

to currency fluctuations. To com pensate for the lag. Sammarco

said, as allowances are raised, the

committee will set them a little

higher than the review-day cur-

rency rate. Likewise, when allow-

ances are reduced, they will be

lowered a little more than curren-

'Over time, it balances out," he

From Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, the dol-

lar's value fell 9 percent against

the euro and 7 percent against the

Japanese yen. Allowances rose to

keep pace, Sammarco said. In Germany, for example, members

saw four allowance adjustments

over three months and are likely

to see another in Dec. 16 pay-

Susan Brumbaugh, chief of the committee's COLA section, said

servicemembers should under-

stand that the currency-driven ad-

justments are automatic, based

on exchange rate and a set formula, and not influenced by the tight-

ness of service budgets or even the demands of war. No corners are cut to hold down the cost of

protecting their buying power,

Current rates and more on how allow ances are set can be found at the committee Web site: https://secureapp2.hqda.penta-gon.mil/perdiem/

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espite a three-month drop in the value of the dollar against foreign currencies, the buying power of 290,000 servicemem bers overseas largely has been protected by a system of allowances that are tied directly to exchange rates, say Department of Defense officials.

weakening dollar can squeeze travel budgets for American tourists and raise the cost of imported goods, a setback for many U.S. businesses. But the Defense Department's Per Diem. Travel and Transportation Allowances Committee in Alexandria, Va., is there to insulate U.S. servicemembers overseas from currency fluctuations.

"We are looking at them constantly and making adjustments as warranted," said Roy Sammarco. chief of the committee's economics and statistics branch.

The "adjustments" to protect the military from a weak dollar involve two payments available overseas: a Cost-of-Living Allowance for all and, for members and families living off base, an Overseas Housing Allowance.

The committee daily collects exchange-rate data from banks that serve U.S. military abroad. In countries where few servicemembers are assigned, the committee tracks daily currency rates through the Wall Street Journal.

When there is a 5 percent change in the dollar's value, up or down, the two allowances are adjusted on the next payday, either the 1st or 16th of the month. The system cannot make daily change es, said Sammarco, and indeed needs a week's lead time to make next payday changes.

So, if by the 9th of the month the value of the dollar has changed 5 percent or more, servicemembers will see a change to overseas allowances in midmonth paychecks. Similarly, a change of 5 percent or more by the 23rd of the month will impact the following first-of-the-month payday.

"That 5 percent threshold must be met on the review day," said

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# Crash course



Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Myers, left, signals as the hose team moves in during a simulated crash of a CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopter on the fight deck of USS Fort McHenry on Thursday. The Whidbey Islandclass dock landing ship is heading to the Philippines to provide humanitarian assistance and relief work on the east coast of Luzon after a series of storms devastated the area.

#### School celebration

SAGAMIHARA HOUSING AREA, Japan — Kindergarteners from John O. Arnn Elementary School will perform a "Celebration of the Season" at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafetorium.

The show is based on the story "Snow Rolie" by William Joyce.

#### Negishi cleanup

NEGISHI HOUSING AREA. Japan - Base residents can improve the look of their community during a basewide cleanup campaign Wednesday.

Residents are welcome to ioin the day-long clean up by calling DSN 424-4101.

#### Xtreme holiday dinner

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -Unaccompanied military members are invited to the "Single Airman Xtreme Christmas Dinner Friday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Mokuteki Community Center's Vortex game room. The event is open to all branches of service at Misawa

Call DSN 226-4128 for more information. Single military members at Misawa may also partake in an Unaccompanied Christmas Party on . 23 from 5 to 11 p.m. in the Tohoku Enlisted Club dining room. The event is free for club members: nonmembers

Call DSN 222-9512 for more information

#### Misawa sports group

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -

Misawa Youth Sports is organizing a Youth Sports Advisory Committee. The group will meet prior to each sports event to discuss league rules, bylaws and ways to improve the base's sports leagues. Interested members should sign up by Friday. The committee's first meeting is Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Lunney Youth Center. Call DSN 226-3220 for more in-

formation.





# Officials: Military works to upgrade armor

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Military officials said they were working hard to upgrade the armor on Army vehicles in Iraq, a day after a soldier had pressed Defense Secre-tary Donald Rumsfeld on the subject. President Bush said, "The concerns expressed are being addressed."

Close to three-quarters of the Humvees in the Iraq war theater now have upgraded armor protection, but many larger trucks and tractor-trailer rigs do not, according to congressional figures.

Military officials said that armoring Humvees has been the top priority because they are used to patrol areas where attacks are likely. The heavy haulers, meanwhile, usually travel convoy routes that are more frequently swept for guerillas and bombs

The issue of whether the military is providing enough protection to soldiers is receiving new attention after a National Guardsman on his way to Iraq questioned Rumsfeld on Wednesday as to why he and his comrades had to scrounge through

scrap piles to protect their vehicles. Lt. Gen. Steven R. Whitcomb, commander of the 3rd Army, was questioned about that by Pentagon reporters Thursday in a teleconference from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

"If I can add another plate or another inch or more to the vehicle I'm riding in that gives me protection, it's better," he said. "So I think that's a prudent thing to do, if the soldier has the capability. ... In my opinion, it's not being done in mass numbers or mass quantities.

He said vehicles with upgraded armor were being added every day.

"Our goal, and what we're working to-ward, is that no wheeled vehicle that leaves Kuwait going into Iraq is driven by a soldier that does not have some level of armor protection on it," he said

At the White House in Washington, Bush, too, was asked about the situation.

"The concerns expressed are being addressed and that is - we expect our troops to have the best possible equipment," Bush

Democrats have more questions for Rumsfeld, Sen. Dick Durbin, an Illinois Democrat, said he would put his in a letter demanding increased production of armor kits and an explanation for why soldiers

are searching for scrap metal in landfills. Questions have been raised about why the military had not started armoring its ve hicles sooner than August 2003, when insurgents turned to bombs to attack U.S forces. Some critics point to the lack of light armored vehicles as further evidence the Bush administration was unprepared for the kind of insurgency it has faced in

As to the issue of soldiers turning to scrap piles to better protect their vehicles, senior military officials have offered a few evnlanations

# Newspaper regrets readers not told up front of reporter's role in armor story

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. - Readers should have been told promptly that an embedded reporter had helped frame a question that a serviceman asked of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld this

asset of Defense Secretary Donatd Runsted this week in Kuwait, the reporter's publisher says. The question to Rumsfeld from Spc. Thomas "Jerry" Wilson, 31, of Nashville, complaining that many military vehicles in Iraq are not adequately armored, has touched off a storm of new publicity about the issue

was framed should have been included in Thursday's story in the Times Free Press. It was not," the paper's publisher and executive editor, Tom

Griscom, said in a note to readers published Friday. Military affairs reporter Edward Lee Pitts, who is embedded with the 278th Regimental Combat Team, said he worked with guardsmen after being told reporters would not be allowed to ask Rums

feld any questions Pitts had sent an e-mail to co-workers back in Tennessee on Wednesday outlining his role.

### Stories differ on whether armoring was increased New York Daily Nev

NEW YORK - As the uproar over unprotected Humvees grew and President Rush tried to assure worried soldiers that their safety is a top concern, the manufacturer of armor plating said he had not been asked to increase produc-

"I have told many families I've met with we're doing everything we possibly can to protect your loved ones," Bush said. "They de-

serve the best."

He said concerns raised by troops in Kuwait to Defense Secre tary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Wednesday "are being ad-"are being addressed."

U.S. Army spokesman John Paul Bovce said, "We are looking into the announcement. We are continuing efforts outlined yesterday to provide safe vehicles for our troops in the Global War on Terror. We are making no commitment at this time in regards to any new contracts, but our goal is to keep those vehicles and our troops safe

But Florida-based Armor Holdings says the company advised the Army last month that it could increase output by as much as 22 percent per month but never heard back

Robert Mecredy, president of



STEVE LIEWER/Stars and Stripes

Sgt. Orville Whitlock, 30, of Lynchburg, Va., explains how a rocket-propelled grenade hit his Company B, 9th Engineer Battal ion Humvee during a patrol May 5.

the company's aerospace and defense group, said that the compa-ny easily could boost the number of armored trucks it turns out from 450 a month to 550 a month. "We're prepared to build 50 to 100 vehicles more per month," Mecredy told Bloomberg News. "I

stand ready to do that. Democrats accused the adminis tration of lying to the troops.

"Even more outrageous than sending soldiers into combat without the proper protective equip-ment is offering them false excussaid Rep. Marty Meehan,

Stripes reporter Leo Shane III contribut-ed to this report from the Park

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BY PAUL GARWOOD

The Associated Press BAGHDAD - A U.S. soldier pleaded guilty at his court-martial Friday to killing a severely wounded 16-year-old Iraqi boy during fierce fighting in Baghimpoverished Sadr City

neighborhood, the military said. Staff Sgt. Johnny M. Horne Jr., 30, of Winston-Salem, N.C., was among several soldiers who had found the wounded teenager on Aug. 18 in a burning truck with severe abdominal wounds sustained during the clashes. A criminal investigator had said during an earlier hearing that the sol diers decided to kill him to "put him out of his misery

Sadr City was the scene of wild clashes earlier this year between coalition forces and Shiite rebels allied to firebrand cleric Muqta da al-Sadr, a loud opponent of the

U.S.-led occupation of Iraq. In a plea bargain, Horne, a member of Company C, 1st Battal-ion, 41st Infantry Regiment, from Fort Riley, Kan., pleaded guilty to one count of unpremeditated murder and one count of soliciting another soldier to commit unpremeditated murder. The charges are under Articles 118 and 81 of the Uniform Code of Military Jus-

convictions stemmed from Staff Sgt. Horne's murder of a severely wounded Iraqi civilian

PTSD diagnosis won't halt AWOL prosection WASHINGTON - An Army reservist who checked himself into a civilian psychiatric hospital after being turned away from a military clin-

ic should be court-martialed for being absent without leave, according to an Army report.

First Lt. Jullian P. Goodrum, of Knoxville, Tenn., is a veteran of both

U.S. wars in Iraq and is being treated for post-traumatic stress disor der at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Goodrum was suffering from the disorder last fall, the time of his alleged infraction.

"Lt. Goodrum has been diagnosed with PTSD, though this should not be reason to not pursue court-martial action," states the report by Army Lt. Col. Michael Amaral, the investigating officer in the case.

Goodrum's legal team, which released the report to The Washington

in Baghdad's Sadr City district,"

a military statement said. Lt. Col. James Hutton, a military spokesman, said Horne had originally been charged with the more serious offenses of premedi-tated murder, conspiracy to commit premeditated murder and solicitation of another soldier to

commit premeditated murder. "He decided to plead guilty to the lesser charges presented to him," Hutton said.

Horne's sentence could be decided as early as Saturday.

Horne is one of six Fort Riley soldiers charged with killings in recent months — two for slayings in Kansas and four for deaths in In ransas and four for deaths in Iraq. Staff Sgt. Cardenas J. Alban, 29, of Inglewood, Calif., was charged along with Horne in the teenager's killing and is awaiting a court-martial hearing

Previous military court hear-ings have heard that several troops had fired on a group of Iraqi men placing homemade nbs along a road in Sadr City Soldiers from the same battalion arrived on the scene to find a burning truck and casualties around it.

According to accounts given by witnesses at previous hearings, the soldiers, including Horne, tried to rescue an Iraqi casualty from inside the vehicle. The vic-tim had severe abdominal wounds and burns and was thought by several of the witnesses to be beyond medical help

# Hassoun charged with desertion

RALEIGH, N.C. - A Marine who claimed he was abducted by anti-coalition forces after he went missing from his unit in Iraq has been charged with desertion

The charges filed Thursday against Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun followed a five-month investiga-

from a U.S. military camp near Fallujah, Iraq, according to a statement from the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Camp Leienne

Hassoun of West Jordan Utah, is accused of taking unau-thorized leave from the unit where he served as an Arabic interpreter.

loss of government property and theft of a military firearm for al-legedly leaving the Marine camp while still in possession of his 9 mm service pistol, as well as theft and wrongful appropriation

of a government vehicle. No date has been set for an Article 32 hearing, one of the first toward court-martial, Morgan said.



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# **Pentagon dinner honors wounded troops**

BY PATRICK DICKSON Stars and Strings

ARLINGTON, Va. — Spc. Arthur McLin walked into the Pen-Spc.

tagon's Eisenhower corridor and saw a familiar face "I remember you," he said to

Sgt. Paul Shelmerdine The two sized up each other's injuries and gingerly shook hands.

"Therapy," said Shelmerdine. McLin of the National Guard's 2101 Transportation Company 3rd Platoon out of Aliceville, Alabama and Shelmerdine, of the Army Reserve's 369th Transportation Company, based in Wichita, Kansas,

were two of 170 guests from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., honored Thursday evening with a dinner for those injured in the global war on terror.

The troops were welcomed by Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, Mrs. Donald Rumsfeld and a host of general officers and their wives. Defense Secretary Rumsfeld could not attend because he was flying back from his

visit with troops overseas. Wolfowitz told those gathered about troops fighting in the Battle of the Bulge, the seemingly insurmountable odds against them and the casualties they suffered.

"You've probably heard all the accolades," Wolfowitz said. "They're called the Greatest Generation, and deserve to be called that. But you here, and the men and women in uniform on the front lines in Afghanistan and Iraq, are every bit as brave and courageous

and dedicated to this country One of the highlights of the evening was World Wrestling Entertainment superstar Mick Foley, aka Mankind, who ate with the troops and agreed to countless

photo requests. Foley, who regularly visits the wounded, spoke before the meal about his work with the Defense Department's America Supports

You program and how humbling his visits have been But the stars of the evening

were the troops As they mingled and talked about their experiences, they wanted their compatriots still in the fight to know they are OK, and to be safe.

Cpl. Roberto Santiago of the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, based at Friedberg, Germany, talking about his friends Spcs. De-Camps and Gregory, perhaps summed up the experience of camaraderie in war best.

"Those guys kept me alive over there. When one of us was down, the other two would get him up

and keep him goin'.' Santiago was badly injured in May when he took shrapnel from an RPG in the spine in Karbala. He walks with crutches now, but says the prognosis is good for him

to walk unaided soon. Now that he's recovering, he has

a different support team. "I give all the credit to my wife. Tina — she takes care of me and our three kids. I don't know how

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# **Tech advances keep combat deaths low**

# More troops surviving attacks, but many living with severe injuries

By CECI CONNOLLY The Washington Pos

WASHINGTON - Ten percent of soldiers injured in Iraq have died from their war wounds, the lowest casualty fatality rate ever, thanks in large part to technological advances and the de ployment of surgical SWAT teams at the front lines, an analy sis published Thursday has found

But the remarkable lifesaving rate has come at the enormous cost of creating a generation of severely wounded young veter ans and a severe shortage of military surgeons, wrote Atul Gawande, a surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Bos-

The war in Iraq has produced the "largest burden of casualties our military medical personnel have had to cope with since the

Vietnam War said Gawande's report in the New England Journal of Medi-

number

By contrast, reflects the 24 percent of soldiers wound violence of the ed in the Vietnam War or the war, Now, the Gulf Persian War did not surnumber of deaths vive "It used to be reflects how well thinking that the number

surgical teams of deaths reare doing in flects the vio-lence of the lence of the war," Gawande saving lives. said in an inter-**Atul Gawande** 

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cal teams are doing in saving More than 10,300 U.S. servicemembers have been injured in Iraq and more than 1.000 of them killed in action, according to Defense Department statis-

tics cited in the report Gawande praised the mili-tary's strategy of positioning close to the fighting smaller. "leaner and more mobile" surgical teams with the ability to erect a battlefield hospital in less than 60 minutes

Traveling in Humvees with hand-held ultrasound machines, portable ventilators and an array of surgical tools and pharmaceuticals, the teams focus on stabilizing patients and moving them for further treatment in less than two hours.

During the Vietnam War, it took injured soldiers an average of 45 days to reach a hospital in the United States. At the beginning of the Iraq war, the average was eight days, and now it is four. One airman hit by a mortar attack in September "was on the operating table at Walter Reed' Army Medical Center in Wash ington "just 36 hours later," Gawande said

The battlefield triage is called "damage control" because the emphasis is on stopping bleeding, keeping a patient warm and leaving almost everything else to doctors at a permanent hospi-

"The combination of Kevlar vests and a system that allows them to stop the bleeding makes it possible for them to survive injuries that were unsurvivable before," he said. "How you rehabilitate physically, let alone emotion ally, someone who has that kind of loss is a serious question.

For every soldier killed, an average of 10 are injured, he said. Gawande found similarly low fatality rates among soldiers

wounded in Afghanistan. Early in the Iraqi conflict. when the fighting was more tra-

ditional battlefield combat, the most common injuries came from wounds to

limbs that were not protected by body armor. More recently, as the engage ment has shift. ed to guerrilla-style warfare with explosive devices, more injuries result from shrapnel that hits under vests and through neckand armholes, Gawande said

"And with suicide bombers, you see not just metal shrannel. but also clothing, dirt and

even bone from that is infectious," he said, "and can lead to more extensive sur-

geries and multiple surgeries. With just 120 general surgeons on active duty in the Army and a similar number in the reserves, Gawande argued the teams are overextended and operating in far more dangerous circumstances.

"Many surgeons have been on a second deployment or an extended deployment, and even this has not been sufficient," he

"Planners are having to contemplate pressing surgeons into yet a third deployment.

The American Medical Association and the state surgeon of the Wisconsin Army National Guard have expressed concerns that the Selective Service System may revive procedures for drafting medical personnel. Such a plan "was not undertaken at the request of anyone" at the Pentagon, a Defense Department statement said yesterday. 'Furthermore, there is no need for such a plan."

Col. John B. Holcomb, commander of the U.S. Army Insti-



Petty Officer 3rd Class Jose Ramirez, a corpsman with 1st Force Service Support Group, Bravo Surgical Company, and native of San Antonio, Texas, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Danielle T. Tutongillette, a corpsman with 1st FSSG, Bravo Surgical Co. and native of San Diego, discuss an Iraqi Intervention Force patient's status at Bravo Surgical on Camp Fallujah on Wednesday.

of Surgical Research, agreed that Iraq can no longer be viewed as a minor conflict. But he said the casualty rate and severity of injuries is not inconsistent with other wars.

A review of historical documents shows that "head and extremity injuries predominate, at least back to World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam," he said. Perhaps Gawande, who lacks military experience, was unaccustomed to the level of trauma seen in war, Holcomb

"The injuries in combat are devastating compared to what most civilian surgeons are used to seeing," he said, adding that the closest parallel he could think of were injuries sustained by someone run over by a train

The number of general surgeons serving in Iraq is not as high as in the Persian Gulf War 13 years ago, Holcomb acknowledged. However, he said the key was placing the right doctors

and nurses in the right place. Iraq has brought other unanticipated medical challenges. Sol-diers were suffering a "dismay-ingly high incidence of blinding injuries" because they refused to wear goggles that they de-scribed as "'something a Florida senior citizen would wear.' So the military bowed to fashion," Gawande said, and purchased hipper protective eyewear that appears to be serving its pur-

#### **Battle Wounds**

U.S. soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan are dying at a much lower rate than in previous military conflicts.

War	Wounded or killed in action	Killed in action	Lethality of war wounds
Revolutionary War	10,623	4,435	42%
War of 1812	6,765	2,260	33
Mexican War	5,885	1,733	29
Givi <b>l</b> Wor	422,295	140,414	33
Spanish-American War	2,047	385	19
World War I	257,404	53,402	21
World War ■	963,403	291,557	30
Korean War	137,025	33,741	25
Vietnam War	200,727	47,424	24
Persian Gulf War	614	147	24
Wars in Iraq and Afahanistan	10.369	1.004	10



# Maathai receives Nobel in lively Oslo ceremony

BY DOUG MELLGREN

OSLO, Norway — The first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, environmental activist Wangari Maathai, received her award Friday to the beat of rums and dancers that broke with the usual stodgy ceremony, and she warned that humanity is "threatening its own life-support

Maathai received the traditional gold medal and diploma that accompanies the \$1.5 million prize at a ceremony in the Norwegiat capital. A few hours later, Sweden's king awarded the other Nobel prizes — medicine, physics, chemistry, literature and economics — in Stockholm.

Bengt Samuelsson, chairman of the board of the Nobel Foundation, addressed the frequently heard criticism that too few women have received the Nobel Prize over the years. While only 31 of the 705 Nobel Prizes handed out since 1901 have gone to women, Samuelsson pointed out that three of this year's laureates are women.

"If the history of the Nobel Prize during its first century was a reflection of 19th- and early 20th-century values, maybe this year's awards are a glimpse of the changes we will see during this century." Samuelsson said.

One of the women, however, was a no-show at the ceremony: literature laureate Elfriede Jelinek. The Austrian writer says she has a social phobia. The third woman winner was Linda B. Buck, who shared the medicine prize with fellow American Richard Axel.

Maathai's Nobel prize is the first to acknowledge environmentalism as a means of building peace. In Oslo, the 64-year-old Kenyan — wearing a traditional dress, a bright orange scarf tied in her hair — warned that the world remained under attack from disease, deforestation and war.

"Today, we are faced with a challenge that calls for a shift in our thinking, so that humanity stops threatening its life-support system," she Kenyan told the crowd of dignitaries, who included the Norwegian royal family as well as talk show host Oprah Winfrey and Kerry Kennedy, a daughter of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"We are called to assist the Earth to heal her wounds and, in the process, heal our own; indeed, to embrace the whole creation in all its diversity, beauty and wonder." Maathai said.

#### Chinese ship enters Japanese zone again

TOKYO — Defying protests by Tokyo, a Chinese research ship entered Japan's exclusive economic zone for the second time in a week Friday, prompting Tokyo to issue a fresh diplomatic com-

The ship was spotted Friday morning 195 miles southwest of the Japanese Pacific island of Okinotorishima, said Hiroshi Shirai, spokesman for the Maritime Self-Defense Force.

The same ship entered the zone at a different point on Tuesday, triggering a diplomatic protest by Japan. Tokyo says China had failed to properly notify Japan of the research ahead of time.

The ship on Friday was releasing sound waves as part of a marine survey, Shirai said, Japan's government responded by issuing a second complaint, said Yu Kameoka, a spokesman for Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

#### Expert: N. Korea nuclear threat overstated

SEOUL — The U.S. government exaggerated the threat from North Korea's nuclear programs, just as it manipulated intelligence about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, a U.S. foreign policy expert said in an article published Friday.

Selig Harrison said President Bush's administration claimed that Pyongyang was on its way to producing weapons-grade uranium in order to scare allies into a harder stance on the communist nation.

But by failing to distinguish between civilian and military uranium-enrichment capabilities, Washington greatly complicated the already-complex efforts to eliminate North Korea's nuclear weapons ambitions, Selig wrote in the Dec. 17 issue of Foreign Affairs.

"Relying on sketchy data, the Bush administration presented a worst-case scenario as an incontrovertible truth and distorted its intelligence on North Korea (much as it did on Iraq), seriously exaggerating the danger that Pyongyang is secretly making uranium-based nuclear weapons," he said.

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# Japan overhauls its defense guidelines

BY AUDREY MCAVOY

TOKYO — In a shift away from its postwar pacifism, Japan's government overhauled its defense guidelines Friday, easing an arms exports ban and singling out North Korea and China as securi-

The overhaul, which also allows the government to develop a missile defense program with the United States, has raised concerns about a slow erosion of the pacifist society Japan built after World

The opposition Social Democratic Party, one of the smallest parties in parliament, criticized the government for removing self-imposed controls on military develop-

The changes also have been watched uneasily by some of Japan's Asian neighbors, who suffered under Tokyo's expansionist policies in the first half of the last century. The guidelines sought to allay such fears, saying Japan's military would not go on the offensive.

"Our country, under our constitution, will adhere exclusively to self-defense," the report said. "Following our policy of not becoming a major military power that would pose a threat to other countries, we will secure civilian control."

The plan, approved in a Cabinet meeting Friday, also calls for Japan to participate in international peacekeeping missions, underscoring Tokyo's efforts to play a global security role that better matches its economic strength.

The revised guidelines fits with Japan's decade-long effort to increase security cooperation with the United States. The pro-U.S. government on Thursday approved a one-year extension of the military's humanitarian mission in Iraq.

The government also authorized an ease to a longtime ban on arms exports to allow for the missile defense program with the United States. The guidelines cited the threats posed by North Korean missiles, China's military buildup and terrorism.

"This is about ensuring security and dealing with new threats as the times change," Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi told reporters.

Pyongyang became one of Tokyo's biggest security worries after it test-fired a long-range ballistic missile over Japan in 1998,



Members of Japan's Ground Self-Defense Force stand at attention during the annual inspection parade of the JGSDF East Area division. Japan's government overhauled its defense guidelines Friday, easing an arms exports ban and singling out North Korea and China as security threats.

prompting Tokyo to begin researching missile defense. North Korea also has an active nuclear weapons development program.

Japan has maintained an arms export ban since 1976. Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said the government, however, would make exceptions to pursue missile defense with Washington for security purposes.

Ken Jimbo, director of the Japan Forum on International Relations, said the plan signaled that Japan's defense policy was adjusting to a post-Cold War world.

"It's epoch-making that the guidelines now call for a flexible, multifaceted military instead of the stiff military foundation that's been in place until now," said Jimbo. The guidelines vowed to maintain the current policy of not making or possessing nuclear weapons. Japan is the only country to have been attacked with nuclear weapons, when the United States twice hit the country in 1945.

The new defense outline, which covers from 2005 to 2014, also singles out China as a security concern, pointing out that Beijing has expanded the range of its military activities at sea and has been mod-

ernizing its naval and air force.

Hosoda played down the refer-

Japan's navy went on alert last month when a Chinese submarine was detected in the country's waters between the southern island of Okinawa and Taiwan. Japan says that China apologized, but tensions remain high.

Jimbo said the new guidelines would likely irritate Beijing but that Japan would also be seeking to deepen ties with its neighbor even as it follows the plan.

The new guidelines followed Tokyo's extension Thursday of its largest foreign military operation since World War II. Japan currently has 550 ground troops in Iraq on a humanitarian mission to purify water and rebuild infrastructure.

# Japanese panel advises tighter border controls

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan should fingerprint and photograph all foreigners entering the country as part of efforts to tighten border controls and keep terrorists out, a senior se-

curity panel recommended Friday.
The government's panel on international crime and terrorism
also advised that international airlines be required to submit passenger lists to Japanese authorities, according to an outline of the
plan from the Cabinet Office.

It further recommended the introduction of sky marshals on commercial flights and said import controls could be tightened on goods that could be used to make weapons and explosives. Although Japan has not suffered an Islamic terror attack on home soil, concerns are high that a dispatch of Japanese troops on a humanitarian mission in Iraq and Tokyo's high-profile support for the U.S.-led war on terror could make it a tareet for militants.

The government established the panel, chaired by Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda, as part of its commitment to improve security.

The Cabinet is expected to approve the panel's recommendations on Dec. 14. Related government ministries would then draw up legislation to introduce the measures following parliamentary approval.

#### N. Korean leader's longtime confidant sidelined?

SEOUL — North Korean leader Kim Jong II's brother-in-law and longtime confidant appears to have been sidelined as Pyongyang consolidates power around Kim, a leading expert on the communist state said Friday.

Chang Sung Taek, the 58-year-old husband of Kim's younger sister, Kim Kyong Hee, is considered one of the most influential aides to the North Korean leader. He controlled personnel matters in the ruling Workers' Party, and his two brothers held top jobs in the milli-

Since last year, however, South Korean media have been reporting that Chang appears to have been purged and is being held under house arrest. He has disappeared from North Korean television and news reports.

Recent news reports have said intelligence officials confirmed chang's downfall during a closed-door briefing to the National Assembly. Quoting anonymous lawmakers, reports said the intelligence officials saw the purge as an apparent move to clear the way for a possible transfer of power to Kim's sons.

Outside analysts have often cited Chang, a seasoned machinator, as a potential stumbling block if Kim starts transferring power to Kim Jong Chol, one of his three sons most likely to inherit power.



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# **UNICEF: Poverty, war, AIDS plague world's kids**

BY CATHERINE MCALOON

The Associated Press

LONDON - More than half the world's children are suffering the effects of pover-ty, war and HIV/AIDS, denying them a healthy and safe childhood, UNICEF's an-

nual report said Thursday The United Nations children's fund report on The State of the World's Children found more than 1 billion children were growing up hungry and unhealthy, schools had become targets for warring parties and whole villages were being killed off by

A failure by governments around the

world to live up to standards outlined in 1989's Convention on the Rights of the Child caused permanent damage to children and blocked progress toward human rights and economic advancement, the renort said.

"Too many governments are making informed, deliberate choices that actually hurt childhood." UNICEF executive director Carol Bellamy said.

A day before the report's release, an editorial published in The Lancet, the respected British medical journal, accused Bellamy of neglecting issues of child survival

while emphasizing the rights of children. UNICEF spokesman Alfred Ironside child survival rates.

"Globally child deaths have fallen by 18 ercent since 1990." Ironside said in Lon-

In his foreword to the report, U.N. Secre-tary General Kofi Annan said poverty denied children dignity and endangered their lives, conflict robbed them of a secure family life and HIV/AIDS killed parents, teachers, doctors and children themselves

Compiled by UNICEF and researchers at the London School of Economics and Bristol University, the report found more than half the children in developing countries lived in poverty without access to basic goods and services.

It also said:
■ One in six children was severely hun-

gry.

■ One in seven had no access to health

■ One in five had no safe water. ■ One in three had no toilet or sanitation

facilities at home Poverty was not confined to developing countries, the report said, as the proportion of children living in low-income house-holds in 11 of 15 industrialized nations rose

in the past decade More than 10 million child deaths were recorded in 2003, with an estimated 29,158 children under 5 dying from mostly preventable causes everyday.

# WWII prisoner revisits memories of captivity by Japanese

BY YEO GHIM LAY

The Associated Press

SINGAPORE - Sheila Allan was a 17-year-old convent schoolgirl when Japanese forces jailed her in Singapore's Changi prison during World War II. This year, she returned to the place where she spent 31/2 years as a captive.

Allan, an Australian citizen who was born in Malaysia, was one of seven former war-era prisoners who made the final journey to Changi in July before the building was demolished to make way for a new prison complex.

The pilgrimage was chronicled "Savonara Changi." a Singapore-made documentary that will premiere on the Discovery Channel in Asia on Dec. 15

While many survivors of the Japanese-held prison recall harsh treatment. Allan described Changi as a "safe haven" during her internment there At that by Japanese soldiers in Singapore, a former British colony. "Among the other women, I felt

safe." she said. "Can you imagine what would have happened if I had been left out in the street? I could be killed, I could be raped."

Allan was one of 300 women and children who were jailed in Changi in eastern Singapore dur-

Japanese occupation Tens of thousands of allied soldiers were also held there

Going back to Changi Prison brought it all back. It was very emotional, even uncomfortable." said in an interview Allan Wednesday before a screening of the documentary at a museum.

In the documentary, Allan wept when she visited her former

"It was a very traumatic experience. I didn't want to go back to a place where I had so many bad memories," she said.

Allan was persuaded to see Changi for the last time by Pek Siok Lian, the Singaporean direc-

Allan arrived at Changi."

Allan arrived at Changi Prison on March 8, 1942 with her father, an Australian mining engineer, and Thai stepmother. Her mother was a Malaysian Chinese.

Prisoners suffered hunger and sickness in Changi, as the Japanese cut meals to just once a day in the later part of the imprisonment. Allan's father died in the prison and she was released in Sentem-

Allan is in touch with the children of her fellow inmates, and she admits to mixed feelings about the dismantling of the old prison.

"I am happy in some way to see it go, but I am also a little sad. There is a little bit of fondness,"

Only a stretch of wall in the prison will be preserved as a memori-



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# 1st U.S. airliner since '75 lands in Vietnam

BY MARGIE MASON

The Associated Press

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — A U.S. passenger jet landed in Vietnam on Friday, the first since the Vietnam War ended nearly 30 years ago.

United Airlines Flight 869, from San Francisco, arrived in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, at shortly after 10 p.m. Friday.

It is the first U.S. commercial plane to touch down at Tan Son Nhat International Airport since the wartime capital of South Vietnam fell to the communists in 1975.

U.S. relations with Vietnam have improved considerably in recent years. The two countries established diplomatic ties in 1995, and in 2001 they signed a landmark trade agreement, followed by an aviation nact last year.

In November 2003, the first U.S. Navy ship since the Vietnam War docked on the Saigon River.

United Airlines, which filed for bankruptcy two years ago, is betting the daily flight to Vietnam will be a big moneymaker. The carrier says it expects air travel to Vietnam to grow 10.5 percent a year in the next decade.

Among the 260 people on the flight was 48-year-old Van Trinh, one of the tens of thousands of Vietnamese who fled the cour try in boats after the war. "I'm excited to see Vietnam now because 30 years is too long," she said before boarding the Boeing 747-400.

Trinh is among 1 million ethnic Vietnamese who live in the United States, the largest population outside Vietnam. Many visit Vietnam every vear.

The country is also a popular destination with American veterans who want to see how it has changed. "The United Airlines link between the two countries will not only serve Vietnamese nationals living in America, but I was told that 45 million Americans wanted to wread to Vietnam, and that is a very big market," said Nguyen Xuan Hien, Vietnam Airlines president and CEO.

Many Americans who fought in the war have vivid memories of Tan Son Nhat airport, where they caught Pan American "freedom birds" home or to rest stops such as Hong Kong and Japan.

Now-defunct Pan American was the last commercial U.S. carrier to fly out of Vietnam before the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975. Meanwhile Vietnam's state-owned carrier has expressed interest in opening its own route to San Francisco by the end of next year or early 2006. And American Airlines has established a

partnership with Vietnam Airlines Corp. that allows them to complete journeys for each other's passengers. But American does not fly directly to Vietnam.

"The new United Airlines route is a new indicator of the strong relations between the United States and Vietnam," U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam Michael Marine said.



Actor David Hasselhoff and his wife, Pamela, board a United Airlines flight at San Francisco International Airport to Vietnam on Thursday. It is the first scheduled flight of a U.S. airline to Vietnam in almost 30 years. David Hasselhoff is bringing wheelchairs for the disabled on behalf of Wheels for Humanity.



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From left, longtime friends Nguyen Xuan Binh, Nguyen Quy Hoi, Nguyen Khanh, Bui Quyet, and Do Chi gath-

# er each day at a downtown Hanol, Vietnam, beer half to talk about life and friendship. Vietnam's beer industry booms

BY BEN STOCKING San Jose Mercury News

HANOI, Vietnam — It is the simplest corner bar on earth: tiny plastic stools on the sidewalk; tables just a foot or two above the ground, laden with glasses of

Aside from women pouring cheap, watery draft, these establishments are patronized almost entirely by chain-smoking Vietnamese men whose favorite refrain is tram phan tram — "100 percent" — as in, "drain your glass of every drop."

Bia hoi, as the beer stalls are known, are a staple of Vietnamsee life and the cornerstone of the nation's beer-drinking universe. But more and more, the urban beer market is going upscale to meet the evolving tastes and growing incomes of Vietnamese drinkers.

The bottled-beer market — one rung up from bia hoi — has been enjoying double-digit growth for

several years. Upscale brew pubs are also starting to crop up, with more than a dozen opening in Hanoi in the last year to market high-end, homemade suds.

With prices up to \$2 a mug, they are aiming at a beer-drinking elite in a nation where per capita income remains just \$480 a

"This is a very interesting industry—a rapidly growing industry," said former San Jose, Calif., resident Van Dinh Man, who opened a cavernous brew pub in a former Hanoi discotheque last

These days, only the true connoisseurs are heading to Vietnam's brew pubs. But many drinkers already have cultivated a taste for premium bottled beer.

Asia Pacific Breweries, which produces Heineken and Tiger beers, is planning a \$45 million expansion that will allow it to increase production by 50 percent.

South East Asia Brewery, which produces Carlsberg and the local brand Halida, has enjoyed growth rates of more than 20 percent a year for the last four years.

Budweiser is also scoping out the market.

It is easy to find a cold bottle of Heineken for about 70 cents in Vietnam. A cold one at a Hanoi brew pub can cost almost twice that much. But business is boom-

Vietnam's brew pubs are similar to their American counterparts — homemade brew is made according to a secret recipe in giant copper tanks, lending an aura of connoisseurship.

As a developing nation, Vietnam's per capita beer consumption remains relatively low at roughly 12 liters a year.

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But many Vietnamese who do drink beer tend to drink it in large quantities.

But like purveyors of alcohol everywhere, beer distributors here say they only encourage responsible drinking. And with the nation's thirst growing, their business prospects are bright.

# OPEC to cut oil output

CAIRO, Egypt — Seeking to keep prices up without having them explode, OPEC agreed Friday to reduce its daily oil output by 1 million barrels a day — and reserved the right to cut deeper early next year if crude turns much cheaper than now.

The move represented a decision by OPEC to go down the middle, in a bid to prevent further revenue losses amid a recent downward price trend, while trying to reduce the kind of volatility that rocketed prices up to record highs earlier this year, leading producers scrambling to meet demand.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi said the cut will be implemented starting Jan. 1. He told reporters that OPEC would meet again at month's end to review the cut's effect on prices, which have fallen sharply recently but remain high above previous established levels.

If effective, the output reduction would scale back output to the group's overall ceiling of 27 million barrels a day.

OPEC's two other options — doing nothing, and risking continued losses, or reducing the quota target and precipitating a new oil crisis — were clearly not appealing to members. Their decision to try and end quota busting appeared to be a bid to reduce the riske both were

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### IN THE STATES

# Ohio shooter was obsessed with Pantera

BY ANITA CHANG The Associated Press

COLUMBUS Ohio - The man who shot former Pantera guitar-"Dimebag" Darrell Abbott and three other men to death at a nightclub was obsessed with the popular heavy metal band and made bizarre accusations against it, a onetime friend said in reports published Friday.

Jeramie Brey said gunman Nathan Gale once showed up at a friend's house saying he wanted to share songs he had written. The pages of lyrics were copied from Pantera, but Gale claimed he had written them. Brev said.

"He was off his rocker," Brey told The Columbus Dispatch. "He said they were his songs, that Pantera stole them from him and that he was going to sue them.

He later told Brey that he planned to sue Pantera for stealing his identity. Brey and friend Dave Johnson said Gale's behavior frightened them and they distanced themselves from him several years ago. But other friends said they never considered Gale capable of violence.

On Wednesday night, the 25-year-old former Marine charged the stage at a show by Abbott's new band, Damageplan, and gunned down four people, including Abbott, before a policeman fatally shot him.

Police said Friday they still didn't know Gale's motive, and they may never find out. Some witnesses said Gale yelled accusations that the revered guitarist broke up Pantera, but police had not verified those reports

An imposing figure at 6-foot-3, Gale had made people uneasy even at the tattoo parlor, staring and locking them into conversations about heavy metal music. When he played offensive line for the semi-professional Lima Thunder football team, he psyched

himself up before games by pip-

ing Pantera into his headphones, coach Mark Green said

But Green had not pegged Gale as the type to go on a shooting rampage.

Gale had had minor run-ins with police since 1997 but wasn't considered a troublemaker, according to police in his hometown of Marysville, 25 miles northwest of Columbus.

Gale had served with the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina until No-vember 2003, when he was discharged after less than half of the typical four-year stint, Marine spokeswoman Gunnery Sgt. Kristine Scarber said. She declined to

explain the discharge, citing pri-

vacy rules.

A few hours before the shooting, Gale had showed up at Marysville's Bears Den Tattoo Studio, where often he stared at people and forced them into conversations, manager Lucas Bender

On Wednesday, he asked about having the studio order tattoo equipment for him, tattoo artist Bo Toler said. Toler told him no. and Gale got angry and started yelling, he said.

one answered the Thursday at the Marysville home of Gale's mother, Mary Clark. A message left on her cell phone was not returned

# Bush pick for Energy post from Treasury

BY TERENCE HUNT The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Friday named Treasury deputy secretary Samuel Bodman as secretary of the Energy Department, filling one of the last openings in his second-term Cabinet.

Bodman "has shown himself to be a problem solver who knows how to set goals and knows how to reach them." Bush said at an announcement ceremony in the Roosevelt

If confirmed by the Senate, Bodman's major challenge will be to get Congress to enact energy legislation, including the presi dent's longtime goal of opening an Arctic wild-life refuge in Alaska to oil drilling.

Bush said his priorities for the department are to "develop and deploy the latest technology to provide a new generation of cleaner and more efficient energy sources" and to "promote strong conservation measures

"We will bring greater certainty of cost and supply and that certainty is essential to economic growth and job creation."

He pledged to renew his push for legislation codifying the energy plan he unveiled 31/2 years ago, stymied by lawmakers despite Republican domination of Congress.

Bodman also will have to find a way to untangle both legal and budget problems that have threatened progress on getting a nuclear waste dump built at Nevada's Yucca Mountain.

#### Microsoft breaks case

FRISCO. Texas - Software iant Microsoft Corp. helped track down two brothers who authorities say sold bogus college degree over the Internet.

Officials Pennsylvania in cracked the case, tracking down the source of thousands of unsolicited e-mails. Last week, they filed a lawsuit to shut down Trinity Southern University, run by Crain Barton Poe, 35, of Frisco, and Alton Scott Poe, 40, of St. Cloud,

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# **New intel bill to expand counterterror powers**

BY CURT ANDERSON The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — People indicted on terror charges will have a much harder time getting free on bail under a provision in the new intelligence bill. The provision also broadens the government's authori-

ty to spy on terror suspects.

Critics say the enforcement powers, attached to the bill with little
debate in Congress, weaken civil
liberties and privacy rights that already were undermined by the Patriot Act that was approved shortly
after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

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The new legislation broadens prohibitions against providing marerial support to terror groups, makes it a crime to visit a terror camp that provides military-style training and allows the FBI to obtain secret surveillance warrants against "lone wolf" extremists not known to be tied to a specific terrorist group. It also makes terrorism hoaxes a federal crime and toughens penalties against people who possess weapons of mass de-who possess weapons of mass de-

struction.

President Bush's administration

# Details of anti-terror provisions

WASHINGTON — Law enforcement and anti-terrorism provisions are included in the intelligence legislation passed by Congress. The mea-

- sure:

  Establishes a legal presumption that people charged with terrorism offenses not be released on bail unless they can convince a judge otherwise. Shifts the burden of proof for keeping such defendants detained from the government to the
- defense.
   Broadens the law making it a crime to provide material support to terror groups to include any type of resource or service.
   Enables the FBI to obtain a secret surveillance warrant on someone suspected of terrorism

even if no ties can be established between that per-

pushed to include the law enforcement package in the intelligence measure to augment the Patriot Act, which expanded the government's surveillance and prosecuto-

rial powers against suspected ter-

rorists, their associates and finan-

"We are pleased that Congress

agreed that we still needed to im-

prove our defenses," Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo

Critics say the provisions escaped close scrutiny because they were tucked into the massive bill creating a new national intelligence director.

"Overall, it's another threat to civil liberties in this country," said

son and a foreign country or international terror group. Would not apply to U.S. citizens.

- Increases penalties for unauthorized possession of weapons of mass destruction and components for such things as radioactive "dirty bombs," smallpox virus, shoulder-fired anti-air-craft missiles and nuclear weapons.
- Makes it a federal crime to perpetrate a terror hoax, such as a fake anthrax mailing, or make false reports about the death of someone in the U.S. armed forces.
- Allows federal prosecutors to share secret information obtained in grand jury proceedings with state, local or foreign law enforcement officers if it might help prevent a terrorist attack.

The Associated Press

Charlie Mitchell, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union. "It's just a continuation of what the administration's been

Under the bill, a legal presumption would be established denying bail for anyone indicted by a grand

jury on terrorism charges.

Although the suspect could ap-

peal to a judge, the burden of proof would be on the defendant to show release would be pru-

dent.
That stipulation has long been in place for suspects in many violent and drug crimes but not for terror-

Skeptics say the provision has the potential to be abused, possibly resulting in long detentions for peo-

ple ultimately found innocent.
"Unfortunately, this Justice Department has a record of abusing its detention powers post-9/11 and of making terrorism allegations that turn out to have no merit," said Democratic Sen. Russell Feinsaid Democratic Sen. Russell Feinsai

The bill also allows federal prosecutors to share secret information obtained in grand jury proceedings with state, local or foreign law enforcement officers if it might help prevent a terrorist attack. Another provision would adjust

parts of the law that make it a crime to provide "material support" to terrorist organizations. The legislation also plugs a gan

The legislation also plugs a gap in the FBI's ability to obtain eavesdropping warrants under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA.

# Supreme Court to hear condemned Mexican national's appeal

The Accordated Pres

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Friday to hear the appeal of a Mexican national on death row in Texas, steping into an international debate over the legal rights of foreigners in capital punish-

The World Court at The Hague ruled ear-

lier this year that the United States violated the rights of 51 Mexicans on death row, including Jose Medellin, whose appeal will

be heard at the Supreme Court next spring.
The world court, which is the United Nations' highest judiciary body, had ordered American officials to give the inmates "meaningful review" of the convictions and sentences now, on grounds that the

U.S. government failed to inform their home countries of their arrests and trials.

Lower courts had blocked appeals by Medellin, and justices will decide whether those decisions were wrong.

Dozens of countries, legal groups and human rights organizations, as well as former diplomatic leaders and the European Union argued that U.S. officials have disregarded the 1963 Vienna Convention which requires an "arresting government" to notify a foreign national of the right to talk with the detainee's consulate or embassy.

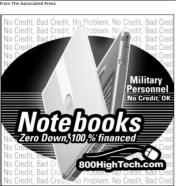
Texas attorneys had argued that it was too late for Medellin to bring the challenge, because he did not file objections at his trial that the Mexican government was not told of his arrest and allowed to help in his defense.

#### Airport security pat-downs to be changed

WASHINGTON — Security screeners at the nation's airports will make a small adjustment to the way they conduct pat-down searches of passengers after receiving hundreds of complaints that the procedure was invasive, Transportation Security Administration sources said Thursday.

The change allows both male and female passengers to put down their arms after being screened on the upper body, sources said. Many passengers had said that standing in a "spread eagle" position throughout the inspection made them feel like criminals.

TSA will begin training screeners on the change on Monday.









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Bissinger's claims its new Spa Chocolates contain ingredients linked to improved cardiovascular health, lowered risk for certain types of cancer, a reduction in body weight and a slowing of the aging process.

# Shedding dollars and pounds: Maker claims costly treat is healthy

BY BETSY TAYLOR The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — "Shed your guilt. Chocolate can have a place in your healthy lifestyle."

That's the strategy of Bissinger's Handcrafted Chocolatier, a long-established, upscale chocolate company based in St. Louis.

Bissinger's new Spa Chocolate urges you to "treat yourself to good health." At a cost of more than \$2 a candy and named to con-jure up images of pampering and well-being, it definitely qualifies as a treat.

As to the health, the elegant packaging says the candies contain ingredients "linked to improved cardiovascular health, lowered risk for certain types of cancer, a reduction in body weight and a slowing of the aging

From a blueberry cup to a sugar free walnut bear claw or cherry cordial, the bite-sized candies contain several ingredients believed to have some health benefits: dark chocolate fruits and nuts

But the health claims amount to a trick, said the director of nutrition at the Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest

"The claims that these candies can help you lose weight, fight short-term memory are not supported by good evidence," said CSPI's Bonnie Liebman.

She said studies have been done on some, but not all, of the individual ingredients and the related claims, though Bissinger's said it had thoroughly researched the ingredients. And she didn't believe people would get enough of the ingredients to result in the rewards. That, she said, could be misleading at a time when two out of three Americans are over-

weight.
"The bottom line is they're trying to trick people into thinking these chocolates are good for

Not so, the chocolate company

Connie Diekman, the university dietitian who helped develop the product, said eating one chocolate daily as part of good overall dietary habits can help people trying to start or maintain a healthy lifestyle. The candies come seven to a box for \$15.95, each candy labeled for a day of the week.

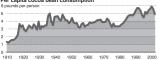
Cocoa beans contain plant chemicals called flavonoids, a kind of antioxidant that some studies have found can protect the heart: walnuts contain omega-3 fatty acids also linked to lower heart disease risk; apricots have healthful heta carotene

#### A little chocolate Obesity prevalence among U.S. adults isn't that bad

With obesity rates increasing yearly, the thought of "healthy chocolate is tempting. One company is offering chocolates with 54 calories and 5 grams of net carbs. Experts warn the healthy claims aren't supported by strong evidence.



#### Per capita cocoa bean consumption



Sources: Department of Agriculture; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

# Map of chicken genome reveals human-bird link

BY PETER GORNER Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO Scientists on Thursday published a detailed analysis of the newly mapped genome of the chicken - the first bird to have its genes cataloged that is expected to bring advances in human health, agriculture

and evolutionary biology. The genetic map also may help science understand the cockiness of a strutting rooster and a nesting hen's commitment to her young - and why such inborn gender differences might be shared by species as different as chickens and humans

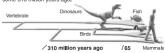
Since March, when the genome was made available to researchers scientists have been comparing the chicken blueprint to the previously published genomes of hu-

mans, mice, rats and puffer fish It turns out that humans and chickens share more than half of the same genes, the scientists reported Thursday in the journal Nature, but their DNA diverged in ways that may explain some of the differences between birds and mammals.

By looking at the genomes of a

#### Bird genome sheds light on man's DNA

A new study compares the DNA of the chicken with that of the human. Their ancestral lineage has evolved separately beginning some 310 million years ago.



Source: Nature

wide range of animals, scientists can better understand the structure and function of human genes and, ultimately, develop new strategies to improve human health, said Dr. Francis Collins, director of the Human Genome Research Institute.

"The chicken genome fills a crucial gap in our scientific knowl-edge," Collins said.

The sequencing project assumed new urgency with the emergence of bird flu epidemics in Asia, and among the important early findings is an immune sysprotein previously found

only in humans. Studies of the chicken immune system could lead to better ways to control viruses that sometimes jump across species and infect humans

Project organizer Richard Wilson compares the chicken genome and other genetic maps to Rosetta Stones that help scientists help understand the human genome.

"For every human gene, there's a gene in another species that's going to be most helpful in under-standing it," he said. "For some human genes, we might have to look to the mouse; for others, we'll look to the chicken.'

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# Study unveils positive results for new method to detect cancer spread

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - Removing just one to three key lymph nodes instead of the usual dozen or more can spare women lifelong arm problems and reliably indicate whether breast cancer has spread and needs aggressive treatment, the first big study to test this approach has found.

Many doctors have been doing this without proof that it is as good as the standard operation.

and they still don't know whether it will hurt women's survival odds. But the large,

federally funded study has an-swered at least accuracy question, finding that the less se vere surgery is 97 percent accurate revealing whether cancer has spread beyond the breast. "There is a

high degree of achere. said Dr. Thomas Julian, a breast cancer surgeon at Drexel University College of Med-

icine and Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. "This offers an ontion for the majority of women."

He presented the research Thursday at a breast cancer conference in Texas

Dr. Stephen Edge, a surgeon at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y., called it "a landmark study that many of us, including me, thought was undoable," because so many women already demand the less severe surgery

When a woman has breast cancer surgery, doctors typically remove a third of the lymph nodes in her arm - about 10 to 20 - to see if the cancer has spread. The answer determines whether she needs further treatment with chemotherapy and radiation.

But the surgery leaves many women with motion problems and less feeling in their shoulder and arm, and up to 20 percent develop lymphedema, painful and severe arm swelling that can recur throughout their lives. They also are at greater risk of infection because they have lost so many lymph nodes that drain fluid from the arm. "Patients often get caught by

#### friendly fire," suffering ill effects Sentinel node biopsy from a procedure A new study shows that analyzing intended to help save their lives. the lymph node closest to the

Dr. Dr. Mark of the tumor is sufficient to determine Kissin if cancer has spread beyond the Royal Surrey County Hospital ∠ Tumor in Gilford, En-



the closest node or the draining the area "sentinel node," most likely to nearest contain malignant cells. tumor. The theo-

ry is that these "sentinel nodes" Source: National Cancer Institute would be most likely to contain malignant cells if the cancer had

spread beyond the breast Julian's study involved 5,260 women in one of the longest-running cancer studies ever the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project. It is known for such watershed findings as proving that removing just a cancerous lump was as good as removing the entire breast for most women, and establishing the benefits of chemotherapy and tamox-

the

All women in the new study had an average of three sentinel nodes taken out. Half then went on to have the usual 10 to 20 nodes removed. The others had more nodes removed only if the sentinel ones had cancer.



Nykia Crawford, 10, plays a Game Boy hand-held electronic game Tuesday while she is prepped for surgery by her doctors Anu Patel, left, John Kakauberi, center, and nurse Lizzie Jacobs at University Hospital in Newark. N.J. Researchers have found letting children play Game Boy prevents anxiety before surgery.

# **Study: Game Boy relaxes** children before surgery

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. - Letting children play video games on a Game Boy in the operating room before undergoing surgery can help relax them better than tranquilizers or holding Mommy's hand, research-

Doctors found that allowing children a few min-utes to play the games reduced their anxiety until the anesthesia took effect.

Dr. Anu Patel conducted the study after noticing a friend's 7-year-old son was so absorbed with his Game Boy at a restaurant that he ignored the adults and the food at his table. We find that the children are just so happy with

the Game Boy that they actually do forget where they are "said Patel an anesthesiologist at University Hospital in Newark who plans to present her findings Saturday at a medical conference Patel said the findings could be helpful because

many parents do not want tranquilizers given to their children. Youngsters who are traumatized before surgery

run the risk of long-term psychological problems, including nightmares, bed wetting and fear of being

In addition, strapping a restless, frightened child to an operating table can cause a temporary blood pressure spike, make the heart race and trigger stress hormones that can delay healing, said Patel, cine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Other hospitals long have used teddy bears and

games to distract children before surgery, but those techniques generally are employed in patient rooms, playrooms and waiting areas, not in the operating room. At Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, kids are encouraged to play in waiting areas before surgery and to take a "comfort item" - occasionally

a Game Boy — into the operating room.

A Boston company, Design Continuum Inc., has begun testing a combination anesthesia mask and headset that would allow patients to play video games or listen to music, but distribution is years

away.
Patel studied 4- to 12-year-olds in three groups of 26 children each. All had parents with them in operating room until they were anesthetized. One group also got a tranquilizer, and the third group played with a Game Boy. On average, the Game Boy group showed no in-

crease in anxiety before surgery. But on a standard, 100-point scale for measuring preoperative anxiety, the tranquilizer group jumped 7.5 points and the par-

ents-only group 17.5 points.
Shani Willis, whose 10-year-old daughter Nykia had a cyst removed at the Newark hospital Tuesday, said the girl was nervous until she got a Game Boy. She then relaxed and played with it until she was anesthetized, "It was like she put everything out of

her mind," Willis said.

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### Study: Implanted defibrillators only help six months after heart attack as the one Vice President Dick

Implanting defibrillators in patients just weeks after a heart attack does not improve their chances of survival, according to an international study. The researchers suggested instead that patients wait several that patients wait several months before having one of the devices inserted in the chest

The findings could have big implications for Medicare, which is about to expand cover-age for the \$25,000 devices to many more people.

Implanted defibrillators, such

Cheney has, shock the heart back into a normal rhythm when it starts beating irregularly. Re-search has shown these devices save lives, but those studies were done almost exclusively on patients six months to several years after their heart attack

The study found that defibrillators offer little benefit in the early days after a heart attack, when natients with damaged and weakened heart muscle are most likely to die. In the study, reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, lives saved among patients who suffered abnormal deaths from heart problems unrelated to rhythm.

For doctors, this finding will complicate deciding exactly when to install the devices, and in which patients.

In the United States, doctors

usually wait at least one to three months after a patient's heart attack before implanting a defibril-lator, said American Heart Asso-ciation spokesman Dr. Kenneth Ellenbogen, a professor at Medi-cal College of Virginia.

# **People from all** over flock to **Clinton store**

### Former president is among the customers at new library's shop

BY DAVID HAMMER The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A me-owing Socks the Cat doll could show up in a stocking stuffed by former President Bill Clinton this

Clinton is among thousands of people from around the world who have spent more than \$400,000 at the Clinton Museum

Store since it opened Nov. 15. The former president placed a phone order from Chappaqua, N.Y., on Thursday, calling museum store manager Connie Fails to order a commemorative Clinton Presidential Library dedication dinner plate, two plates by Picard china and a Woodmere china reproduction of the plates Presi-dents Lincoln and Jackson used when they were in the White House.

He also ordered silk scarves that his library's volunteer staff wears. Air Force One toys that emit the sound of plane engines when squeezed, neckties, stuffed donkeys and a Socks the Cat doll that says "meow

"I'm still totaling up the bill. Yes, he has to pay for it," Fails

The gift shop two blocks from the Clinton Library was busting at the seams during the dedication celebration three weeks ago, and sales didn't slow much after international visitors

Over Thanksgiving weekend. store employees had to stop shop-

pers at the door to make sure they didn't exceed capacity. And just when lines weren't forming down President Clinton Avenue anymore, the museum store replaced that volume by starting Internet

"We sent out an e-mail to 1,200 people Monday night that they could shop online, and by the time we opened the next morning we had 40 orders," Fails said.

Tyler Denton, marketing direc-tor for the Clinton Foundation, which built the library and set up the museum store, suggested put-ting maps of the United States the world in an unfinished hallway by the exit door with pushpins available for customers. The maps already tell the story of the store's popularity and Little Rock's sudden global appeal. Shoppers have marked every continent except Antarctica with the red pins.

The visitors come to see the library, but they are pulled into the rest of Little Rock by the museum store, which sits between the library and the downtown River Market district. "This week I had visitors from

"Ints week I had visitors from Jackson, Miss., and Topeka, Kan., tell me, 'You're a weekend get-away now,' "Denton said." "Slowly but surely, people will come here to see all our attrac-

Meanwhile, Fails, a veteran Little Rock retailer, has barely had time to breathe. She has yet to leave the store before 10 p.m. and, until last week, was there until midnight every night

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# Secrets behind SpongeBob SquarePants

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - America's favorite deep-sea sponge is coming to the surface

SpongeBob SquarePants, goofy sink utensil who wears a little brown suit and lives in a pineapple at the bottom of the ocean, has spent the past five years on the Nickelodeon TV channel. Now a new animated film sends him to a

movie's director and "Sponge-Bob" creator Stephen Hillenburg a former marine science teacher who wanted to do a sea cartoon. "I really wanted to do something about one character. based on an innocent who is surrounded by more cynical beings ... . A sort of awkward, nerdy goof-ball, oddball," he said.

Fish seemed too ordinary, so he

enburg remembered an obscure character Kenny did years earlier, and envisioned it as the voice of his weird sea hero.

"It was in one episode in a crowd scene," Kenny recalled. "In the voice-over world we call the sound 'walla,' just a crowd of people mumbling and grumbling. Steve remembered I had done this squeaky, helium-voiced elf guy. required a different kind of story: SpongeBob and his slowwitted starfish friend Patrick travel to the surface to rescue the crown of temperamental King Neptune.

4. Bald spot: Among the movie's celebrity voices is Jeffrey Tambor as the overly angry King Nentune, whose missing crown reveals his blinding baldness.

Tambor, the criminal father from the Emmy-winning comedy "Arrested Development" and the announcer

lousy in a rug," Tambor said, "I worked because of being bald, so I'm blessed. I mean, I was the guy in summer stock [theater] who

played all the old guys at 16. 5. Patrick the starfish: Bill Fagerbakke, best known as Dauber from TV's "Coach," has a naturally deen voice but has to swal low it further to play SpongeBob's

dopey starfish friend Patrick The result, he said, is an audible ersion of the fat/skinny look of comedy teams like Laurel and Hardy or Abbott and Costello Patrick is the immense rumbler SpongeBob is the high-pitched whiner."I just kinda pretend my mouth is in my chest

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# **Serving God and country**

### U.S. military hopes upcoming USFK retreat will help Army replace dwindling number of Catholic priests

BY TERI WEAVER Stars and Strine.

VONGSAN GARRISON South Korea — The U.S. Army and its chaplains are helping the Catholic Church recruit priests who

could serve in the Pacific theater. The effort is not altogether new. Military officials are constantly looking for ordained ministers of various faiths to ensure each service branch has enough religious leaders for the men and women stationed throughout the

world. But the need for Catholic priests in the military, and especially in the U.S. Army, has grown so dire that chaplains are reaching out to men who aren't even in seminary yet. The idea is to recruit from within the ranks and attract men who might be interested in serving both their God

and their country.
"This is part of the intent, for young men who are wrestling with the call, to reach out to them," said Col. Samuel Boone, a Christian Church Disciples of Christ minister and 8th Army command chanlain

So for the second year, U.S. Forces Korea is holding a three-day retreat — from Dec. 27 to Dec. 29 - for men who might interested in becoming priests. Any man in the Pacific theater, civilian or military, is in-

vited. The chaplains have a small reserve fund to help with travel costs, and they are asking commanders to consider granting "permissive temporary duty status." or free leave, to those who want to attend. About a quarter of the people

in the military are Catholic, according to Boone and Navy Capt. James L. Danner, himself a priest who also serves as the Pacific area command chaplain. Yet there aren't enough priests to min-ister to that many Catholics, Danner said during an interview in Seoul last week

"We're so short on priests," Danner said. "We just had a 78-vear-old lieutenant, active duty Navy, retire. He had his 20 years in.

The military tries to provide one minister for every 1,000 servicemembers of a particular

Navy should have 250 priests to serve Catholic sailors. He expects to have half that many next year.

"The shortages have been there." Danner said, adding that the average age of all military chaplains is 38. "But people are

really hitting the panic button. In the Army, the numbers are worse

In 1977, there were 260 Catho lic priests who served as Army chaplains. Now there about 90, a 65 percent decrease, according to Father Vince Burns, an Army chaplain who is retired but serving full time in Area II, which includes Yongsan and Seoul. Seven teen other priests in the Army also have agreed to work during retirement to address the shortage, Burns said.

Next week, military chaplains are planning a similar session at West Point for Jewish personnel, according to Maj. F. Richard Spencer, a chaplain with the chief of chaplains office in Arlington. Va. There are 12 slots for rabbis within the military, but only four



Father Vince Burns gives communion Wednesday to Lt. Mike Rounds, an engineer with the Combined Forces Command at the Memorial Chapel at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul. Burns is a retired Army chaplain who is serving a two-year assignment in Seoul. The Army has a "retired and retained" program that allows religious leaders to come out of retirement to fill the empty chaplain slots in the service.

PHOTO BY TERI WEAVER

assignments are filled, Danner

The retreat last year in Seoul proved encouraging, Boone said. Nine men attended, and two are now in seminary.

Boone and Danner both said the recruitment effort meets the military's goal of trying to pro-vide religious services while men and women are stationed away from home. The military has chaplains from dozens of dominations and religions, they said, including Christian, Jewish, Mus-lim and Buddhist, Boone said.

"So the ACLU is going to come in and say - separation of church and state?" Danner lightheartedly asked Boone during a meeting last week while they talked about the upcoming retreat.

"Not so far," Boone replied.

About 20 people have expressed interest this year, including two men in Japan, Boone said. Anyone interested in the retreat can call 725-6009 (DSN) or e-mail boones@korea.armv.mil.

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# 'Warrior monk' fulfills his calling in Iraq

BY JACKIE SPINNER
The Washington Post

HASWAH, Iraq — His flak jacket was covered in dried blood, his blood. Look at the stains, Marine Lance Cpl. June N. Ramos said, pointing. There were dark red smears all over the front of his

camouflage vest.

Ramos reached into the pocket of the flak jacket and pulled out a small silver tin wrapped in a plastic bag. He opened the container, which held a half-dozen Commun.

"Instead of putting a grenade in here," Ramos said, fastening the pocket of his vest, "I put the body of Christ."

They call him the "warrior monk." Ramos, 32, was studying to be a Benedictine monk when he joined the Marines in 2003. He wants to be a chaplain, but first, he said, he must live the life of a Marine grunt.

So this is where he was on a crisp morning in Iraq, guarding a police station in this city 25 miles south of the capital, barbed wire surrounding the complex where he had slept fitfully in the cold air.

"I'm a Filipino citizen, serving in the United States Marines, fighting for the United States," he said, his body upright and at attention while he talked.



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Marine Lance Cpl. June N. Ramos, 32, displays the Communion wafers he carries. He has escaped serious injury more than once during his tour in Iraa.

Ramos had just returned to duty after being hit by shrapnel from an improvised bomb in October. It was not the first time he had been burt

He picked up his helmet, which had a small wooden cross hanging from it, and showed the chin strap that probably saved his life. The strap was torn, shredded by the metal that had hit it before going into Ramos's neck. Metal lodged in a sinus cavity and his gums — but it had been slowed enough that he survived. He remembered the experience clearly — the explosion and then the

When he was in the field hospital in Baghdad, Ramos said, he knew he had to return to the field. He had work to do. He is the man who administers Communion to Roman Catholic Marines on the front; his job was not done yet.

"This is my calling, the reason a slight man with an impish grin. He was bundled up for the cold, his green, Marine-issued scarf pulled tight over his head to cover his ears. He also wore a black stocking cap, like those worn by the rest of his platoon buddies in 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

He keeps surviving, Ramos said. He has been in mortar attacks, mine explosions, he roadside bomb attack that cut his neck. In any other place, he might feel invisible, but Ramos knows that danger does not start and stop. He has not yet made it out.

"God is always with me," Ramos said. "He's always there watching." He was walking through a field a few months ago when a mine ex-

He was walking through a field a few months ago when a mine exploded. The sound was so loud that he thought for sure he'd been hit. He was covered in dust, feeling for his legs, when he realized he was walking. He was intact.

A few weeks later, he was in a concrete bunker that fellow Marines were reinforcing with sandbags. It collapsed on him, pinning him on his side. "I was so very lucky," Ramos said. He escaped with a large bruise on his ribs.

Before he became a Marine, Ramos was studying at a monastery in Abiquiu, N.M., an isolated spot on a dirt road near the Chama River. After he serves his four-year tour in the Marines, Ramos said, he intends to return to his theological studies and be-

come a monk.

His fellow Marines respect the life he has chosen, he said. "They totally understand. We are in war, but still God is watching over us."

The hospital in Baghdad where Ramos recovered from the bomb blast in October had a special hallway reserved for insurgents who had been wounded and were being patched up by military doctors. Ramos said he was angry, hurt, in pain, but he decided to

walk down that hallway.
"God told me not to be angry,"
Ramos said. "I pretty much quoted what Jesus said on the cross. I
prayed that they would know the
real presence of God, that God
would guard them and protect
them."

He came back to his unit about two weeks ago, a man who had forgiven and was ready to fight again, Ramos said. He would not dream of being anyplace else.

"I trust in God and keep the faith," Ramos said. "If God is with me, who can be against me, right? Be not afraid, that's what I

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#### News affects Okinawans' views

I am writing in response to fact that if there are any articles in the news about the U.S. military's presence on Okinawa, more than 90 percent of the coverage is negative. I have read more about protests of Futenma Marine Corps Air Station and the possibility of building a new airbase. I rarely hear anything about the good things that the military does.

There are elementary students who clean up the beaches and Marines who repair the Japanese retirement homes. There are numerous servicemembers and their dependents who seek to improve the lives of the Okinawans. Some teach English to Japanese students, while others do nate their services and money to local char-ities. Why don't we see the positive side of the American presence on Okinawa?

The Japanese are quick to point out the bad things about our military presence here on Okinawa, but they fail recognize the numerous good things about our presence here. In a recent local news article. one Okinawan was quoted as being sur prised to learn about the Marines doing a community service project. It's because of things like this that the anti-Americanism attitude that has seemed to spread around the world is created.

Okinawans are being fed a one-sided account of the American pres-ence here on Okinawa, and that's a great tragedy. There are so many headlines about the causes that inspire the Japanese to protest - from the war in Iraq to the possible construction of a new air base but very few headlines about the contributions that the military makes. Again, I think that the reason for these protests is that all that the media reports is the negative side of the story.

If the Japanese on Okinawa were more aware of the good things that U.S. service-members do, perhaps they would be less inclined to protest our presence. When people are constantly presented with negative information, they automatically assume that there is no positive side. The media have the power to affect the views of the people, but I don't think it is practical for the papers and radio to only present one side of the story.

The media need to present the good news as well as the bad. Perhaps they cover the negative stories to increase their circulation. It seems they have forgotten

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the job of the media is to present the read-ers with fair coverage of all the news, not just the bad.

I know that the Americans aren't perfect and some make mistakes, but the Japanese, as well as Americans, should be given both sides of the coin: the positive

> Patrick Murphy Camp Lester, Okinawa

#### Respect 'Mortaritaville' label

I am writing in response to the Dec. 3 letter "'Mortaritaville' is a misnomer." In my opinion, the writer just disrespected se who have been affected by the attacks and the families and friends who have dealt with the loss of loved ones on Logistics Support Area Anaconda/Balad Air Base, Iraq, According to www.webster. com the definitions of the following words

■ Barrage — artillery fire laid on a line close to friendly troops to screen and protect them

■ Attack — to set upon or work against forcefully

The original story on Oct. 19 - "After daily attacks, supply base dubbed 'Mortari-taville,' " Okinawa edition; "Daily attacks earn base 'Mortaritaville' moniker." Japan

and Korea editions - was simply trying to inform people of the constant threat that Anaconda/Ralad is under Whether the attacks miss the base or not, there is still the threat, and we still have airmen and soldiers getting killed or dismembered by the attacks. Maybe the next time one of our brothers or sisters dies due to these "one to two rounds," the writer would like to be the one consoling the family members left behind, and he could quote his own writing: "[W]e have had some casualties, but

this The writer also stated: "Compared to other bases in Iraq, this is very low key." He should check his stats, because it is a fact that Anaconda/Balad is the most frequently attacked base not only in Iraq, but the entire area of responsibility as reported by www.globalsecurity.org.
Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason M.J. Stewart

this is what happens in situations like

Balad Air Base, Iraq

#### Kuwait complaints unfounded During the past nine months of my de-

ployment in Iraq, I have read as many cop-ies of Stars and Stripes as I could get my hands on. In that time, I have been disgust-ed by the many letters by soldiers in Kuwait complaining how rough they have it. "Locked down in Kuwait" (Nov. 27) was

the last straw. What the writer and past writers fail to recognize is that they are not on a vacation. In case they haven't looked at their leave and earning statements lately, they are receiving combat zone pay and benefits. Just a few hundred miles north of them, their fellow soldiers are not worried about not being allowed to eat at Mc-Donald's; they are worried about whether they will live to eat another meal.

I have been to camps in Kuwait, and every one that I have passed through had at least one major franchised restaurant. At forward operating bases in Irag, we consider ourselves lucky to get one or two hot meals a day, even when it was "cooked" in a mobile kitchen trailer.

If the letter writer wants to see what Kuwait has to offer, I suggest he plan a vaca-tion there after his deployment. Until then, he should be thankful for receiving all of his combat zone benefits, while not having to worry about daily mortar and rocket attacks. roadside bombs, vehicle-borne bombs and insurgent ambushe

Sgt. Matt Cellura Baghdad





















### **OPINION**

# What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates.

#### Alabama can't get past it The Times-Picavune, New Orleans

The remnants of segregation continued to exist in the constitutions and statutes of Southern states long after federal laws made them moot.

By now, though, most official vestiges of Jim Crow ought to have disappeared as states crafted modern constitutions or stripped offensive language out of old documents. Not so in Alabama.

The state still uses its 1901 Constitution, which was written expressly to deny voting rights and a decent education to African-Americans. What's worse, voters refused this fall to remove language supporting segregation from the 103-year-old document.

Holding on to segregation, even if it is only on paper and is unenforceable, will hold the state back. Alabama has a hateful history on racial issues, a history that has affected its image and limited its ability to thrive economically.

This was a chance to walk away from the past and show the world that Alabama has changed. The truth may be that it hasn't changed much after all.

#### Game's shame chamber empty The Buffalo (N.Y.) News

Americans have been fascinated by video games ever since someone figured out a way to play a simple game of pingpong on a television screen. Thirty years later, video games have reached a level of sophistication that rivals the best military battlefield simulation. Too bad good taste hasn't kept pace.

Too bad good taste hasn't kept pace. The game has gone too far in a computer simulation titled, "JPK 'Elcohaded," in which US, president, and the properties of the properties

Family members have described it as 'despicable.' This may not go far enough in describing just how low the Scotland-based firm Traffic, designer of the game, sain marketing what it inexcusably calls an educational "docu-game" intended to refute the theory that a conspiracy was behind the assassination.

sassination.

This isn't about free speech, it's about decency. "JFK Reloaded" trivializes an awful point in this nation's history.

Even though speech is protected under

the Constitution, there are limits. ...
[E]ncouraging even the play-acting of such violence isn't in the best interest of anyone.

#### Warning labels all must read The Cincinnati Enquirer

While a Food and Drug Administration committee reviewing Procter & Gamble's testosterone patch for women didn't say no [this month], it clearly said, "Slow."

The advisory group wants to see broader, more controlled testing of the "passion patch," which P&G says will restore sexual desire in women whose ovaries have been removed.

There is a fine balance between necessary caution and unnecessary delays in getting needed drugs to market. While a setback to P&G, caution is an appropriate message for drug manufacturers, the FDA itself and even consumers

Americans seem more willing to try a drug whose long-term effects may not be known, even for ailments such as acne that



# "...I BOUGHT YOU SOMETHING TO WEAR THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL SEXY."

are not life-threatening. That lack of consumer worry may be one reason the FDA committee worried so much over long-term effects for the patch, Intrinsa... Others said it only made sense to use caution when weighing Intrinsa's modest results.

only made sense to use caution when weighing Intrinsa's modest results.

It's a model for the sort of critical thinking consumers, too, should exhibit in a world where there's a pill for anything and everything that ails you.

#### Can workers keep account? St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

President Bush seems determined to privatize part of Social Security by allowing individual workers to invest a portion of their retirement payments in the stock market. ... Can individuals rely on themselves to make the best investment choices? A recent article in The Wall Street Journal suggests that the answer may be no.

One study of the difference in performance between professionally managed pension funds and self-directed 401(k)s found that the pension funds earned almost 0.5 percent more each year....

This will be tricky ground for Bush to tread. If the personal account offerings under Social Security are too limited or cost too much, the effort might be seen as nothing more than a payoff to Wall Street. If too little guidance is made available, then workers could end up with a false notion that their retirements are more secure than they walls was

#### Minors' policy all the rage The Times Union, Albany, N.Y.

Either baseball demonstrates that it understands the magnitude of the steroids scandal, or the government is going to have to intervene to save it from itself.

tervene to save it room itseir. Baseball's reigning slugger, Barry Bonds, has been caught, or something quite close to it, using steroids... Jason Giambi of the New York Yankees, not so long ago a rather remarkable hitter himself, has admitted using steroids. And both of them are almost sure to get away with it.

The drug-testing policy in the major leagues is a joke. ... The first time a player is caught using steroids, it's mandatory counseling. The next time — and remember, testing only occurs once a season — it's a 15-day suspension. It would take five positive tests before a player could be banned for as long

Such is the recipe for the mess baseball finds itself in. ...

Congress has the power ... to impose a new policy on the players, the owners and the enablers in the commissioner's office. ...

A sensible policy is out there, in baseball's minor leagues. Players are tested four times a year, and the first documented instance of using steroids means an automatic suspension. The race is on to see who first embraces it, for the good of the game.

#### FDA should think safety first Los Angeles Times

The Food and Drug Administration over the past decade has shifted its budget away from monitoring the safety of drugs on the market, focusing more and more on approing new medicines. That policy has an obvious side effect. Time after time, the agency has been slow to respond to evidence about the dangers of drugs on the market.

The FDA has wandered from its central mission. Patient safety should always come first, whether it's a new drug or an old drug.

It took the FDA four years to respond to evidence that Vioxx increased the risk of heart attacks. Why so long? A recent New York Times story, examining the flow of funds inside the FDA, explains it this way: Roughly a decade ago, about half of the agency's money went to drug safety and other areas, the other half to approving new drugs. Now, nearly 80 percent of the money goes to annovaine new drugs.

The FDA must show it is more than an efficient reviewer of new drugs. One way to start is to reorder priorities, and that means restoring the ranks of monitors who are watchdogs for drugs already on the market.

#### Law schools lay down law The Washington Post

A federal appeals court decision to strike down the so-called Solomon Amendment highlights the layers of bad policy that have led up an unfortunate standoff between the military and a group of law schools. The amendment, named for the late Rep, Gerald B.H. Solomon, R.N.Y., cuts off federal money to universities that don't treat military recruiters as favorably as those recruiting for other potential employers. Numerous form of the control of the contro

the Sept. 11 attacks, started enforcing the law more aggressively, the law schools went

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and the Southeast the leaves to their can-Americans — to avail themselves of their career services. They should be entitled to uphold the same principle for the military. But banning military recruiters from campuses contributes to a cultural guif that aiready divides elite universities from ammed services. An furtiful engagement beseems essential, and an open recruiting environment should be part of that.

#### Ridge climbed a mountain The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown. Pa.

[Tom] Ridge resigned this month as director of Homeland Security, and probably is sleeping well at night for the first in a long time

Some will judge Ridge's tenure in that new Cabinet-level position as only average, but his true accomplishments, like the man himself, aren't flashy or worthy of many television sound bites.

Ridge managed to combine 22 different and competitive agencies and make a department of Homeland Security. The department has about 180,000 employees and is three times the size of computer giant Microsoft.

If any one person managed to do that in the private sector, in a mere three years, he or she would be honored and touted as a business guru....

Say all you want about duct tape and orange alerts, America wasn't attacked under Tom Ridge's watch. And that's good enough for us to rank his performance as highly satisfactory. PAGE 24 J N NH MH MEMBER - STARS AND S

#### Odor closes school

MA PEMBROKE of mysterious odor that's making some students sick has forced town officials to close Bryantville Elementary School until they can figure out what's causing the stench.

The school, which received a \$15 million renovation two years ago, was shut down by the Board of Health

after a unanimous vote.

A smell of burnt rubber was first detected in early November after the cafeteria ceiling was painted with a sealant intended to prevent mold growth.

Tests to determine the source of the smell are scheduled. In the meantime, town officials are coming up with alternative plans to educate roughly 570 students in grades K.6.

#### Trespassing swines

MELBOURNE — All over one suburban subdivision, wild pigs have left their mark.
There was a dead cat. Ruth Stra-hosky's lawn was shredded when she was on vacation. Trespassing swine have been spotted along Wright Avenue and Corbusier Drive, congregating in rummaging hordes of up to 20 animals.

The animals come from the adjacent, unfenced land owned by the

Melbourne Airport Authority.
After a rash of complaints from
the Fountainhead Homeowners Association, the airport authority
agreed to a one-year contract with
two licensed trappers to try to
thwart the log onslaught.

Head The dog, after first jumping
and barking, begins to stagger

#### Volcano brush fire

HI VOLCANO — What at first appeared to be a fiery eruption at Kilauea Volcano turned out be a brush fire that scorched more than 850 acres and threatened a native shrub in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on the Big Island, officials said.

Through the day, 20 park personnel and seven Hawaii County firefighters battled the blaze.

Three helicopters — one each from the park, county and Hilo-based tour operator Tropical Helicopters, made water drops after filling their buckets from a frog pond along a road.

"We want to assure our neighboring communities that we are on the attack; we are fighting this fire aggressively," Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando said.

#### Woman survives accident

IN ANDERSON — A woman survived being impaled by a 12-foot metal fence post that pierced through her mouth and came out the back of her neck in a car accident, authorities said.

Emergency crews had to saw off part of the 1½-inch thick fence rail to free Alejandra Martinez, who was still awake when crews arrived at the scene. Fire officials were shocked to find her alive.

Martinez drove through a stop sign at an intersection and hit another car, Anderson police spokesman Terry Sollars said. She then lost control, careened off the road and went through a chain-link fence.

The car hit a concrete porch, shoving it three feet back, Sollars said. The metal rod from the fence went through the driver's side of the windshield, he said.

## Brighter futures

in to find a proper of the dought in the state of the dought is improving and farmers and ranchers are seeing a brighter future for the first time in four years. Trade Agreement have increased exports, raising prices for beef, wheat and vegetables, Colorado Farm Burgan officials said.

#### Airport standstill

COM SANTA ANA — An Orange County airport was temporarily brought to a standstill after a passenger vanished with a susjectious bag, prompting authorities to empty 10 planes and force hundreds of people to make a second trip through security screening. The precautionary step tangled air traffic at John Wayne Airport for as long as three hours.

#### Vaseline vandalism

BINGHAMTON — A Virginia man admitted to smearing 14 jars of petroleum jelly all over an upstate New York motel room.

Robert F. Chamberlain, 45, of McLean, gave no reason for his actions when he appeared in court to plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief.

A Broome County judge sentenced Chamberlain to three years of probation and ordered him to pay \$3,886 in damages to the Motel 6 in Chenango.

Authorities said Chamberlain coated every object of the motel room with petroleum jelly in May. A cleaning crew discovered the mess after he checked out, and he was arrested at another motel covered in the greasy stuff.

#### Gorillas mourn leader

BROOKFIELD — After Babs the gorilla died at age 30, keepers at Brookfield Zoo decided to allow surviving gorillas to mourn the most influential female in their social famile.

One by one, the gorillas filed into the Tropic World building where Babs' body lay, arms outstretched. Curator Melinda Pruett Jones called it a "gorilla wake."

Keepers said the display wasn't surprising.

"She was the dominant female of the group, the peacekeeper, the disciplinarian, the one who kept things in a harmonious state," Pruett Jones said.

Babs had an incurable kidney condition and was euthanized. Keepers had recently seen a videotape of a gorilla wake at the Columbus, Ohio, zoo and decided they would do the same for Babs. Gorilas in the wild have been known by any respects to their dead, keepers

#### Online payment service

AR LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas launched an online service to help ensure children get the support they're owed. Parents can ments online by going to a secured Web site and logging into their account with a private password currently, more than 162,00 child-support payments are submitted each month in Arkansas by mail or in person.



Powerful kid Nicholas Norton, 3, of Chenango Bridge, N.Y., puts all of his might into applying glue to pine cones as he makes a wreath out of mixed red pine, scotch pine, almonds, hickory nuts, rosehips, hemlock and cinnamon sticks at Finch Hollow Nature Center in Johnson City, during "Make a Nature Wreath" class.



We're cute, we know it Eeyor and Jesus, two miniature donkeys who reside at the Pride and Joy Ranch in Vacaville, Ca., take a moment to pose for a picture.



Heartful performance Dwana Adiaha Smallwood, left, Clifton Brown, center, and Hope Boykin perform in "Love Stories" in Kansas City, Mo.



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ROUNDUP

Man tortures stray dog

TX SAN ANGELO — An 18-year-old man was sen-

tenced to two years probation for

torturing a stray dog by hitting it

with a skateboard, a case that drew

national attention when a videotape of the attack showed up on the

The dog, a red chow-German

shepherd mix, was euthanized

after no one adopted it following

the March 1 attack, according to

court documents. Animal-rights

Web sites posted the video and or-

ganized letter-writing campaigns

The video, played in court, shows the dog lying in a corner

As the dog tries to turn away into

the corner, another blow with the

skateboard is delivered to its neck

The dog then curls into the corner.

community service. Johnson is

also to avoid contact with Kevin

Ward Wright, 18, whose trial on

the same state jail felony charge of

Johnson also was fined \$500 and ordered to complete 60 hours of

urging harsh punishment.

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Winter walk

Heidi Reindl of Columbia Falls, Mont., snowshoes below Chair 6 on her way to the top of Big Mountain in Whitefish. Mont.



Slippery accident Janesville firefighter Bob Gabbey keeps an eye on a SUV as it is removed from the swimming pool deck of the YMCA in Janesville, Wis. The vehicle's driver was pulling into a parking stall when the vehicle accelerated through the window and dropped six feet to the deck. The car came to rest with its nose on the floor and rear wheels still on the building's foundation, just missing a plunge into the deep end of the pool. The driver was not injured in the incident.



Rainy days

A pedestrian walks in the rain across the campus of the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss.



Duck traffic

A pair of ducks swim in the floodwaters of the Tennessee River at Ditto Landing in south Huntsville, Ala. The stop sign and speed limit signs are along roads leading to the marina's hoat slips.



Frisbee in December College of Charleston student Eric Oliver tosses a flying disk to his friend Bud Yackey, not pictured, at Marion Square park in Charleston, S.C., as

#### ACLU against new law

CA SAN FRANCISCO — The American Civil Libertia. Union is asking a federal judge to overturn California's voter-approved Proposition 69, which greatly expands the number of people whose DNA is included in law enforcement databases.

"Proposition 69 is an extraordinary assault on the privacy and security of all Californians," said Maya Harris, an ACLU attorney and director of the Racial Justice Project. "It turns the presumption of innocence on its head."

In a lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal district ourt in San Francisco, the ACLU says the new law—which requires DNA samples be taken from everyone convicted of a felony, and, in 2009, anyone arrested for a felony—is unconstitutional and a violation of privacy.

#### Teen hit by train

DENVER — Moments before slamming on the brakes of a northbound light-rail train, the driver looked up and locked eyes with a 13-year-old boy standing in the middle of the tracks

The driver, whose name has not been released, hit the brakes, but the train was traveling 40 mph and still plowed into the boy. It eventually stopped with the teen wedged under a bumper guard.

"As soon as she saw the kid run up the embankment and stand on the tracks and stare right at her, she slammed on the brakes," police spokesman Perry Schellpfeffer said. "We are still trying to figure out why he did what he did."

The unidentified teen, who turned 13 in November, was listed in serious but stable condition Tuesday.

#### Parents go on strike

FL DELTONA — Even though the dishes, garbage and dirty laundry were piling up, homeowners Cat and Harlan Barnard were getting no help from their two children.

After begging and pleading with their 17-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter to help out around the house, the Barnards decided they were fed up. So they went on strike — and moved out to the front yard.

"This was our last-ditch effort," Cat Barnard said.

Since Monday morning, the Barnards have lived in a tent in their front yard, going inside the house only to use the restroom or shower. The couple sits on lawn chairs and roasts marshmallows over a hibachi

Their children were confused on the first day when they came home from school. "It's extremely inconvenient," said their son, Ben Barnard. "Every time the phone rings, we have to run outside to give it to them."

Whether the couple's actions could be regarded as abandonment depends on how much guidance the parents are still providing and "if the children are suffering as a result," said Carrie Hoeppner, a spokeswoman with the Department of Children & Families in Orange County.

But Cat Barnard says the strike may already be paying dividends. She noted that her daughter washed her own clothes for the

first time on Tuesday.

"This is war," Cat Barnard said.
"I love my babies, but I don't like what they're doing."

#### 'Star Wars' dream

GLOUCESTER TOWN-SHIP—Not so long ago in a galaxy far, far away— or just southeast of Philadelphia— Mike Degirolamo had a plan.

He wanted to build a 20-by-12-foot model of a Jawa Sandcrawler, a hulking transport vehicle from the original "Star Wars" film, before the next installment of the saga "Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" opens in May.

To get the project done, he doesn't need the Force, but rather the power to persuade the township council it's a worthy project.

The council is planning a special

meeting to discuss whether Degirolamo will be allowed to erect the model on the property of a local business.

There are two concerns about the proposed meeting of the fantasy and real worlds, according to township community development director Ed Sayers.

First, the property is in a historic redevelopment area where the Sandcrawler might not fit in architecturally. Also, it could be a liabili-

"This is certainly one of those gray areas," Sayers said. "This could wind up being an at-

"This could wind up being an attractive nuisance and a safety concern if kids try to climb on it."

#### A lifesaving gift

ANDERSON — The Anderson Fire Department has a holiday gift that has a real lifesaving ring to it — ambulance service subscription cards.

The cards cost \$25 and can save the recipient \$225 to \$400 on a trip to the hospital depending on the amount of care needed. The cards are good for one ride and expire after a year.

"It would be a good Christmas gift if you know a needy family who might need medical care," said fire department Capt. Denny Jones.

The cards have been available since 1996, when the city about 35 miles northeast of Indianapolis began charging for ambulance service. But this is the first year the department has promoted them.

"It used to be that we only sold them twice a year, but now they're available all year," said Leona Brown, the fire department's billing coordinator.

#### Don't feed the geese

NW RENO — The increasing population of geese in the Reno-Sparks area is causing officials to consider a ban on feeding waterfowl. Under the proposal, feeding waterfowl would be prohibited at Virginia Lake and most other city properties.

## Town may buy orchard HOLLIS — At a town meet-

ing next week, voters will ing next week, voters will consider spending more than \$4 million to protect 261 acres. Voters will consider buying the 181-acre Woodmont Orchard and 80 acres of woodlands. About 20 percent of the town's 21,000 acres is protected from development.

Stories and photos from wire services

### YOUR MONEY

# Organization can reduce post-vacation blues

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband Jake's new com-

y neighbor Maggie Warren and her family took a week's vacation at the end of

I didn't realize how much I'd miss my daily talks with her until she was gone. A few days after the Warrens left, Mom called from Whidbey Island.

"How's your preparation for family beach week coming?" she asked.

I froze. One, because it drove me crazy when my mom caught me off guard, and two, because I had completely forgotten about beach week. For my family, the pinnacle of the year is a week in August we call family beach week. My parents always rented the same always rented the same

always rented the same house on the shore. This year was no different except I was a day of travel away from the beach house instead of one hour away in Whidbey — and I had a spouse — in the Navy.

"Uh, fine," I replied, with a stut-

"You haven't started preparing, have you?" she asked, with a chuckle. "I had a hunch it was going to be a challenge for you to make arrangements this year. The life of a newlywed can be pretty complicated even if you're not married to a man in the military. You'd better make your plans soon if you want to come to the beach house this year. Anything I can do to help?" As usual, she was one step ahead of me, which is her job as a mom. Now, instead of Mom taking care of all the family vacation details, I was going to have to figure out how to organize, arrange

and pay my family's vacations.

I needed to get organized and I'd start with my mom's famous vacation to-do list. I picked up a piece of paper and started writ-

First, Jake needed to take time off from work. Not taking any chances, I called him at work and asked him to put in his leave permission chit. He agreed and was hopeful that his chain of com-

mand would approve his request even though he had not been at the command that long. I checked his LES and he had enough leave days available to take the week off.

Week off.

Next was my vacation.

I called Mr. Mickey and
asked him if I could take
off that week. I even volunteered to work off-site
via the Internet if he
wanted me to. He said

there was no need. He

did joke that he'd have trouble living without me for a week and to take my laptop just in case. I'd grown closer to Mr. Mickey

since my initial job interview. He knew if something needed to be completed, I'd make it happen and I knew he was usually look-

ing out for me.

Next, I needed to figure whether to travel by car, plane or train, I checked prices on the Internet. A round trip plane ticket cost S507 for each of us and would take about five hours. I estimated that driving the 1,200 miles to Whidbey would cost about 5900 assuming it cost 37.5 cents a mile and that it would take two mine-hour days of driving. Final-



Source: Ralph Nelson

Stars and Strines

ly, a train trip for both of us based on information I found at www.amtrak.com would cost us \$436 and would take two days while staying in a sleener car.

The train was the obvious choice. It was the least expensive and the sleeper car sounded both relaxing and romantic.

Everything was slowly starting to fall into place — just like when Mom did it — and that was a good feeling

As soon as Jake confirmed he could take leave, I'd reserve out tickets on www.amtrak.com. If we worked fast, we could get tickets to leave on Saturday morning and arrive Sunday evening. I'd also plan on my dad picking us up in Seattle and driving us to the

Finally, we'd need snacks on the trip and need to pick up some of the cost for the family's food once we arrived.

The planning spreadsheet had

a rough vacation cost of \$676. This would be an expensive trip considering Jake and I barely made \$2,000 a month after taxes— and we weren't even paying

for lodging. I wondered how expensive it was for Maggie to go on vacation with a child. Jake and I talked about the trip

when he got home that night.

As for taking leave, Jake said his senior chief didn't see a problem with him taking it, but some extra paperwork would be waiting for him when he got back.

Then, we talked about the budget and where to get the S6-6. We both agreed not to use the credit card since Jake's old senior chief recommended never using a credit card for consumables like eating out and vacations. It was too easy to forget about these type of expenses until the credit card bill came. We decided to pay for our train tickets out of our savings account immediately and take a co-

ple hundred in cash during the trip and split it between the two of us for safety. Finally, we agreed to build our savings ac-

count back up quickly in the fall.

Over the next week, we finished the items on my vacation check list. When it came time to leave on Saturday morning, our stuff was all ready.

I couldn't wait to start the fami-

ly beach week!

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# Planners: Money matters can muddle marriage

### Couple mixes financial, relationship advice

BY SHERYL JEAN

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Talk to financial planners Susan and Steve Zimmerman, and you will get more than practical advice on how to invest your money. You also will get a strong dose of psychoanalysis.

In 20 years of working and living together, the Zimmermans have learned that to truly help people get their finances under control, they first must know what makes them tick.

The Zimmermans are among a small but growing number of financial planners who have figured out the intimate bond between money and relationships makes human nature hard to ignore when making financial decisions. Most people's money habits are deeply rooted in the way they were raised, they and others say, so it is no surprise money is one of the top reasons behind marital troubles.

Susan Zimmerman, who along with her credentials as a financial planner is a licensed family and marriage therapist, has identified eight personality traits called

"money rascals" to help figure out how people think about money. The terms include "flashers," who are spendthrifts, and "cashers," who are savers and debt dodgers.. The Zimmermans, who live in Apple Val-

The Zimmermans, who live in Apple Valley, Minn., use themselves as examples. She refers to herself as a "recovering" casher. Steve Zimmerman says he is a recovered stasher, who liked the thrill of high-risk in-

vestments and making a quick buck.
"The trick is to get them balanced and
not have one dominate at any one time,"
said Susan Zimmerman, exchanging a
knowing look with her husband. "It's simply helped us to know what deeper questions to ask — and to help put couples at
ease. I was never OK with it just being
about the numbers."

The Zimmermans think their background and experience give them insight in helping other couples — and helps differentiate them in a crowded field of financial planners. They are also among a few married financial planners across the country who counsel clients together.

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Financial planners Susan and Steve Zimmerman, right, meet with Ken and Cindy Youngberg in Apple Valley, Minn. The Zimmermans believe there are eight financial personal types to help people figure out how they handle money.

### YOUR MONEY

# Read permanent records

Money Talk

Q: I was glad to hear that consumers are finally ng the right to a free copy of their credit renorts thanks to the Fair and Accurate Credit Trans actions Act that passed last year. But what about some of the other files that are compiled on consum-ers, such as medical information and employment history? I think the information compiled by employ-

ment screening companies in particular would be an extremely useful piece of information to have. Consumers should have a right to know if there is incorrect information in these files that could prevent them from getting hired. Is there any way to get a copy of these other reports?

A: Yes and no. All of the hoopla over free credit reports has overshadowed the fact that the credit bureaus aren't the only ones compiling information on you. In addition to the types of reports you mentioned, there are also databases that track your rental history as a tenant, your check-writing history and in-surance claims you may have filed. Incorrect information in any of these files can cause you problems, so it's important to check them

regularly and correct any mistakes. ortunately, these databases are covered by the FACTA law that governs credit bureaus. What's different about these "noncredit" consumer reporting agencies is that there's no waiting: everyone in the country is now eligible to a free report from each of these databases once a year. By contrast, only people in the Western states are currently eligible for free credit reports; the rest of the country will get access on a staggered schedule next year

But here's the rub. Only companies that maintain

consumer databases are required to provide the free reports, and many employment scre nanies don't keep such permanent files. They gather information about you and send it off to employers without keeping permanent copies, said Les Rosen, co-chairman of the National Association of Professional Background Screeners. Those screeners are

not required to provide reports to consumers, free or otherwise.

One company that maintains a permanent employment-related database is Choice-Point, which also compiles information about tenants and about auto and homeowners insurance claims in its Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange (CLUE) data-base. You can visit its Web site at

call www.choicetrust.com 312-8076 to get your CLUE reports, (877 448-5732 to get your tenant history and (866) 312-8075 to get your employment history.

Other databases you might want to con-

tact include the Medical Information Bu-reau at www.mib.com or (617) 426-3660. The MIB is a membership association of

600 companies, mostly insurers, that share informa-tion to detect and prevent fraud; if you're ever applied for a life, health, disability or long-term care policy, your information may be in this database.

ChexSystems keeps records of those who have abused their checking accounts, typically by repeatedly bouncing checks. You can request a free report at www.chexhelp.com or by calling (800) 428-9623. Liz Pulliam Weston is the author of "Your Credit Score: How to Fix, Improve and Protect the 3-Digit Number That Shapes Your Financial Future." Questions for Money Talk can be submitted via her Web site, http://www.lizweston.com, although she regrets that she cannot respond personally to queries.

# Money: Compatibility is key to successful finances, marriage

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In the mid-1990s, Susan Zimmerman became interested in the psychological study of financial decision-making and ended up getting a master's degree in counseling and family therapy. She weaves that knowledge into her financial planning and dealing with the various "money rascals" she counsels.

The most problematic pairs are an overspender like a rasher, who is compulsive, and a casher, who is very organized, she said

"Those two types can give each other some major headaches because they'll both tend to plant their feet a little and not able to see how the other is," she

The most compatible couples are those who are equal parts stasher, who is diversified, and casher, she said. Then, reasonable decisions will be made without much disagreement.

The Zimmermans have found their niche: About three-quarters of their clientele are couples and about half of those are business partners.

Many financial planners say they inadvertently deal with client matters that reach beyond the finances because money and lifestyle issues often are intricately tied together. Couples will discuss subjects that have not been broached before. Sometimes it gets downright nasty.

#### Personality types

Susan Zimmerman, a financial consultant and licensed marriage and family therapist, focuses on how people think about money. She has identified eight personality types called "money rascals" in her book "The Power in Your Money Personality.'

- Flasher: Likes to splurge on flashy items.
- Rasher: A frequent, impulsive shopper.
- Clasher: Indecisive about money habits.
- Dasher: Too busy to focus on money management. ■ Basher: Bashes materialism
- and building wealth.
- Asher: Worries about
- Casher: Loves to save cash, hates debt.
- Stasher: Stashes money in high-risk, high-return invest-

Here are questions couples should ask themselves, accord-

- ing to her book: ■ How are you alike or differ-
- ent from each other? ■ Do you clash?
- How do you handle conflicts
- or indecisions about money? ■ Do you talk; yell; lie; avoid;
- sneak; compromise?
- What would you like to change or improve?

- Knight Ridder

#### THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

		INC	EXES				
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335.20	252.47	Dow Jones Utilities	318.77	+.41	+.13	+19.43	+25,44
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INTEREST RATES

# ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

# What to do with wrong gift

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - It's bound to happen every time the holidays roll around: You get a gift that is great, but a little off (wrong size, unflattering color, etc.); way off-base (Omaha steaks for a vegetarian); or just awful (trophy plaque with a plastic rhinoceros head)

Here are some ontions to get something from your worst gifts.

■ Return it. Without a receipt.

most store representatives will try to give you store credit. Before you accept, ask to speak with a manager about your options. He or she may be able to offer you cash back or another

- form of payment. ■ Auction it. You may not want these items, but others
- Swap it. Even gift certificates can be exchanged. Visit www.swapagift.com, where you can register for free to view listings of available gift cards.



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## **Sunday Horoscope**

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tion. And during this very traditional time of year, honoring the rituals passed down through your family culture and generation will bring a feeling of peace and unity. The simple act of sitting down to dinner together will be grounding, getting you psychologically ready **Holiday Mathis** 

to face the action-packed week ahead

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 12). You mine your potential this year, and destiny smiles on you! In February, be open to introductions. By March, an important issue concerning home or family will reach fruition. A spiritu al catharsis is headed your way in April. Debts are

cleared in June so you can justify that extravagant vacation! Love signs are Cancer and Libra. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 15, 28, 50

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Let that genie out of the bottle You've racked up a few new wish es and are ready to articulate them to someone who can actually do something about it! The future is bright, and it's right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You get the message loud and

clear — and this important commu nication probably comes through a family member or close female friend. Take full advantage of the info and use it to close a big deal. Kisses are lucky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). All those numbers you've been crunching lately finally add up to big bucks. You'll see a windfall before the year's out. If you need special permission to invest in vourself first. consider this horoscope your invita-

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22). Like the shape-shifting moon, you

are always able to reinvent yourself. Others see you in a new and flattering light. Accept the recognition with grace - you earned it through years of hard work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some thing that was previously hidden behind gray clouds now comes to light. This crucial bit of information helps you put all the puzzle pieces together. Take time to rethink your strategy before redoubling your

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being a team player pays off for you when a kindred spirit in your

group becomes a champion of your pet project.

Mixing business with nleasure was never this much fun. Be willing to

share the profits, though, LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Your dream job is calling to you like a beacon in the fog. Tune in to your instincts, and you'll see the way clearly. You might feel duplicitous for

even considering other employment, but not considering your options would be foolish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just because the spotlight isn't on you, that's no excuse to let someone else get all the glory. Book a trip, or take a class - you'll awak-

en your spirit, and you might even henefit financially SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You stand to benefit amazingly from other people's money Those "other people" may include your spouse, your business partner, a family member or even the government. Be generous to those less fortunate

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Your significant other or perhans a close friend can sometimes express your hidden fears and desires better than you can. It's OK to let him or her see your vulnerable side. You are cherished

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a good thing you like surprises because your schedule is about to get thrown for a loop. When folks get uppity, you're just as likely to be the anchor in the storm as the

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

lightning rod

You've never needed an excuse to party, but you'll get plenty anyway. An abundance of love, money and creative freedom are just the beginning. Fishes create their own fiesta everywhere they go, so pick a nond, and dive in

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# 'Josh' origins only a theory

Our neighbor's name is Josh. He was asking recently how the term to "iosh" someone (meaning to tease or kid) came to be. We could find nothing to help him with his question. Can you? - J.V., Toms River, N.J.

Dear J.V.: Sorry to disappoint you and Josh, but the verb "josh' is another one of those words of mysterious origin for which many unproven theories are ban-

The favorite theory of most commentators seems to be that is connected with the name "Josh Billings," which was the pseudonym of American humorist Henry W. Shaw. Shaw

began writing in 1858, however, and we know that an early form of the verb "iosh" existed several vears before that...

years before that.

Another theory is that "josh" comes from an English dialect term, "joskin," meaning "bump-kin." But "josh" began life in America, not England, so again the connection seems weak

Some theorists suggest that "Josh" was once considered by certain people to be a homely or unrefined name. But, for now, at least, the mystery of "josh" re-

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# Tale of teen sex should be shared with girl's parents

Dear Abby: My 13-year-old daughter, "Dena," is in the same grade as her friend "Amanda." Amanda has a sister, "Barb

who turned 15 last month. Amanda told my Dena that Barb's 16-year-old boyfriend has been sneaking in Dear Abby

Barb's bedroom window several nights a week for a while now, after their mother and stepfather have gone to bed Amanda also confided that Barb told her that she and the hoyfriend have had sex a couple of times, including before Barb turned 15

I am not close to the mother and stepfather, although I do run into them at school functions. I wouldn't begin to know how to approach the parents and tell them what I

Should I be concerned with what's happening in other people's homes after they've gone to bed? Or should I keep this to myself and let them find out the hard way down the road?

Another Mother in Oklahoma Dear Mother: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Call that girl's mother and tell her what you know and how you learned it. If what your daughter's friend confided is true, they need bars on the windows and a chastity belt for Barb (and some serious counseling).

Dear Abby: I work in the mailroom of a large company Every day we deliver the mail that is sent to the people

who work here. On some occasions, I deliver mail to people who have private offices. Sometimes, these peo ple are having a meeting in their office and do not shut the door. When this happens,

should I just give them their mail, or wait until they are finished talking to that person? I'm asking because some

times I get dirty looks from those people while I'm giving them their mail — like, "How dare you come into my office while someone is in here!

Abby, I don't talk to them and I try to stay out of their way, because I know that someone walking in can be distracting. What is the correct mailroom etiquette? - Confused Deliverer

Dear Confused: The universal signal for "Do Not Disturb" is a closed door. If the door is open, then you should be free to enter. However, since you are being given dirty looks for making deliveries while there is a conversation in progress, the next time

the person is alone, ask what he or she would prefer under those circumstances. Another sugges tion would be to stand quietly in the doorway for a few seconds and wait for the person to acknowledge you and motion you

Dear Abby: I have been married to "Kurt" for 13 years.

It's a second marriage for both of us. Kurt consistently fails to introduce me at social functions and leaves me to fend for myself. At the last party we attended, he left me to talk to the most attractive blond woman there - someone we had both just met. At the end of the evening he hugged her and told her to call when she's back in town.

I told Kurt his behavior hurt my feelings, and if he respected me he wouldn't act this way. He says I'm out of line. What do you think?

- Socially Abandoned in Bend, Ore.

Dear Socially Abandoned: Your husband appears to suffer from social amnesia — he "forgets" he's married when the two of you go out. You are not out of line; he is.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at

http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Sundicate

# Woman's extended vacations may amount to animal abuse

Dear Annie: I have a friend, "Moira," who lives in a very small house. Moira isn't married and has no children, but she does have 12 cats. Moira hasn't let anyone inside her house in the last 10 years

She says the house is too dirty. Her heater broke several years ago, and she won't let Annie's Mailbox

anyone in to fix it. Here's what is bothering me: When Moira goes on vacation, she leaves the cats in the house and won't let anyone in to check on

She says she leaves food and water out, but sometimes she is gone for two weeks at a time This summer. Moira left the cats in the house when the weather in our area was over 100 degrees

Some of our friends say this is animal cruelty. Others say it's Moira's business and we should stay out of it. Tell me, Annie, what should I do?

- Confused Cat in California Dear Cat: Leaving 12 cats cooped up inside an overheated house with no means of cooling off is animal abuse, and we worry about Moira's mental health

You can report the situation anonymously to the local Humane Society, but if you are unwilling to do that, perhaps her friends could offer to pay for a cleaning service. Also, please talk to Moira. She might benefit from some professional help.

Dear Annie: I am a 48-year-old single mom. I had not had a serious relationship for years until I met "Gilbert," who

is truly the man of my dreams. He's 49, hand some, educated and successful and we have a lot in common.

The problem is, Gil-bert lives 200 miles away. He and I decided that before we fell too deeply in love, we should break it off unless we could manage to live closer. He said he doesn't want to say goodnight to me on the

phone. He wants me with him, and it's just too painful to be apart.

I have never been so in love with anyone, and I am certain Gilbert is the man I want to be with for the rest of my life. I would pack up and move near him, but I have a 15-year-old who doesn't want to leave her school and her friends. I really need some good advice.

\_ Lost True Love

Dear Lost: It's too bad Gilbert finds you so geographically unde sirable. Your daughter will be going off to college in a few short years. Is it possible for you to

convince Gilbert to maintain a not-so-long-distance relationship until then? Surely, if both of you are sufficiently motivated, you could find a way to see each other every month and, along with phone calls and e-mail, it might be enough.

Dear Annie: You were correct in referring the person from "Salina, Kan.," who admitted having a gambling problem, to Gamblers Anonymous.

However, I am concerned about the writer's revelation that he's thought about suicide. Compulsive gamblers often feel guilty, depressed, ashamed and are deeply in debt. Sadly, they frequently come to believe that suicide is the only way out of their situation.

Please inform your readers about the National Compulsive Gambling Hotline (1-800-522-4700) and the Nation-

al Hopeline Network crisis line (1-800-784-2433). — Deanna Dailey, Mental

Health Association of North Dakota Dear Deanna Dailey: We

appreciate the way our readers ok out for one another Rless you for caring. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy

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#### SPECIAL TO STARS AND STRIPES

# Walter Scott's Personality

Want the facts? Opinions? Truth? Write Walter Scott, Box 5001, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163-5001, Full name will be used unless otherwise requested. Volume of mail makes personal replies impossite

Maria Menounos of "Entertainment Tonight" is gorgeous Oli hear she lost a lot of weight. How much, and how did she do it? - Tiffany Sheets, San Diego

"I dropped 40 pounds in one year," says the 5-foot-8, A"1 dropped 40 pounds in one year, says at 123-pound Maria. "I cut back on carbs and worked out with a trainer on an elliptical machine." Along with ET, Maria, 26, appears on The WB's "One Tree Hill." And next year she'll be in the film "Fantastic Four." Maria tells us: "I kept my size-12 pants as a souvenir."



asmine Trias captured the hearts of Filipinos.

readers think

I've heard that Jasmine Trias is the most successful American Idol of them all. Is that true? - D. DeLong. Portland, Ore.

Alt depends on what you mean by successful. Jasmine came in third - after Fantasia Barrino and Diana DeGarmo - so they were more successful on "Ameri-can Idol." But the 18-yearold became a huge star in her parents' native country. the Philippines, where she signed numerous lucrative endorsement deals that her rivals might envy.

Can you give me some personal stats on the Houston Rockets' Yao Ming? — Darryl Grant, Kent, Wash. At 7 feet 6, Ming is tied with Shawn Bradley of Dallas as the NBA's tallest player. He inherited his size and athleti-'m no fan of Jennifer Lopez, but I thought she was terrif-Qic in "Shall We Dance." Who finally turned her into a real

actress? - David Gibson, New York We give full credit to co-star Richard Gere, 55, who We give full credit to co-star Kicharu Gele, 33, who brings out the best in his leading ladies. He did it with Debra Winger in "An Officer and a Gentleman," Julia Roberts in "Pretty Woman" and Diane Lane in "Unfaithful." J.Lo says that Gere's Buddhist spirituality helps him bring

a calming and soothing influence to the movie set



Richard Gere makes even Jennifer Lopez appealing in "Shall We Dance.

Can you tell me who the United States Poet Laureate is? - Frank Kessler, Washington, D.C. He's Ted Kooser, 65, a cancer survivor and recently re-

A He's Ted Kooser, os, a cancer survivor and record, tired insurance salesman. During his appointment (from October to May), he receives a \$35,000 stipend and reads his poetry at the Library of Congress.

Renée Zellweger, Nicole Kidman and even Reese Wither-spoon of "Legally Blonde" all went brunette recently. Why? — Letitia L., Chevy Chase, Md.

A For Reese and Nicole, it was for film roles. Other blondes, like Renée, find that it's fun to go over to the

"dark side." They also like the anonymity a change in color may provide. After going dark a few years ago, Gwyneth Paltrow said it was the first time she could sit at a Kim Vo notes, "They always go back to being blonde."



"gone brown" for several

movie roles.

goes to Davis - but we're interested in hearing what our Since Jerry Orbach left "Law & Order," I've eagerly await ed his new show. What happened to it? — Louise Beck McKeesport, Pa.

cism from his parents, both former basketball players in

China. Since being drafted by Houston in 2002, he's

learned to drive, written a book (Yao: A Life in Two

Worlds) and worked on his English. "Mostly," Ming tells

In your opinion, who was the better actress: Bette Davis or Ingrid Bergman? — Vinod Bhatia, McLean, Va.

(1908-89) made her mark playing larger-than-life women

tough enough to stand up to any man. Bergman (1915-82)

became famous as a wholesome beauty vulnerable in both

her onscreen and offscreen love affairs. Our vote for "best"

It's a close call. Each won two Best Actress Oscars, but Alt's a close call. Each won two Less tack the control of their track records were very different. Davis the control of the co

us, "I'm trying to learn to trash talk on the court."

A Your patience will be rewarded. Orbach, 69, is now shoot-ing episodes of "Trial by Jury," to debut early next year. The fourth in NBC's "Law & Order" franchise, the show will have Jerry back as Lennie Briscoe, with Bebe Neuwirth as a tough assistant DA. If the networks keep cloning their cash cows, there soon will be nothing to watch on TV except "CSI," "Law & Order" and Donald Trump.



Prince Harry has a reason to despise the paparazzi.



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#### JAPAN TV (BILINGUAL SPORTS, MOVIES AND MUSIC)

#### SUN. DEC. 12

10:00 "Shogi" Lesson/NHK Tro-phy "Shogi" Tournament phy (3) 11:50 Japan Industrial League

Ladies' Ekiden (marathor relay)(6) Afternoon

12:00 "Go" Lesson/NHK Tro-phy "Go" Tournament (3) 2:00 Japan Men's Hockey Championship: Final (3)

2:30 Fukuoka International La-dies' Marathon (6) 4:00 2004 International College Equestrian ships (12)

5:00 Japan Sumo Champion-ships (1) 12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investi-gation (12) 5:30 Auto Racing: Japan GT Championship (12) 1:30 U.S. Movie (1994): No Con-test (2:00)(12)

Evening

7:00 News (1) 7:00 Soccer: Toyota Cup Euro-pean/South American - FC Porto vs. Once Caldas (4) 8:55 PGA Tour: 2004 Nissan Irish Open Highlights (42)

2:43 Japan Pro Boxing (8) 9:00 Classical Music: NHK Sym-phony Orchestra -Brahms' Symphony No. 1 in C Minor/Beethoven's

tor: Wolfgang Sawall-isch)(3) 12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investi-gation (12) 9:00 Polish Movie (2002): The Planist (2:24)(10) gation (12) 1:30 U.S. Movie (1996): The Craft (2:00)(12) 5:50 News (6)

11:30 Friends (42) 12:57 World Folk Music: Indo nesia, India & China (1)(r) 1:05 Soccer: Serie A - AC Milar vs. Fiorentina (8)

MON, DEC. 13

Afternoon

5:50 News (6)

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WED, DEC. 15

12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investi-gation (12) gation (12) 1:30 U.S. Movie (1996): Matilda (2:00)(12)

7:00 NHK News (1)

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TUE, DEC. 14 THU, DEC. 16 Morning

6:45 Between the Lions (3) 7:30 Disney (12)

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Evening 7:00 NHK News (1)

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FRI. DEC. 17

7:30 Disney (12) Afternoon 5:50 News (6) Evening 7:00 NHK News (1)

8:30 Planet Rugby (42) 9:03 U.S. Movie (1986): Cobra (1:51)(4) 10:00 News (1) 1:53 Hero: Pro I Ekiden den tv)(4)

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2:50 U.S. Movie (1969): Alice's Restaurant (1:50)(10) 3:10 U.S. Movie (1977): Break er! Breaker! (1:40)(12)

SAT, DEC. 18

1:00 Traditional Arts of Japan: Kabuki (3)(r) 2:00 2004 Phoenix Challenge Golf: 3rd Round (6) 3:00 Japan Men's Handball Championship (3)

4:00 Asia-Japan Okinawa Open Golf: 3rd Round (12) ening 6:30 Japan Rugby: NEC vs. World (42)

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MON. DEC. 13

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Britney Spears
4:00 All the Best of MTV 2004: The Osbournes Special #1-#2
5:00 All the Best of MTV 2004: Artist Special - Mr. Children

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### SUN, DEC. 12

### 9:30 U.S. Movie (2002): Second String (1:35)

∆fternoon 2:00 U.S. Movie (2003): The Hulk (2:20) 4:20 U.S. Movie (1995): Nick of Time (1:37)

Evening

6:00 U.S. Movie (1993): What's Eating Gilbert Grape (2:00) 8:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2:30)

10:30 U.S. Movie (2002): The Real World Movie: The Lost Season (1:30) 12:00 Pro Boxing: WBC Heavyweight Championship - Wladimir Klitschko vs. Danny Williams 2:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Croatia vs. France (r)

4:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

7:30 Oswald #4 7:45 U.S. Movie (2001): Anne Frank: the Whole Story (1:35) 9:40 U.S. Movie (1996): Jerry Maguire (2:20)

Afternoon

Afternoon 12:00 TV Series: Third Watch (r) 1:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Cradle 2 the Grave (1:45) 2:45 U.S. Malta Movie (2003): Helen of Troy - Part 1 (1:30)

Troy - Part 1 (1:30) 4:15 U.S.-Malta Movie (2003): Helen of Troy - Part 2 (1:30)

Evening 6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola 12:05 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola 2:30 South Park #101 (r) 3:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Bulgaria

5:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Keep the Faith, Rahy (2:00) TUE, DEC 14

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7:30 Oswald #5 8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Master Spy: The Robert Hanssen Story Part 1 (1:40)

9:40 U.S. Movie (2002): Master Spy: The Robert Hanssen Story Part 2 The R (1:34) Afternoon

12:00 TV Series: Third Watch (r)

1:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Kissing Jessica Stein (1:45) 3:00 U.S. Movie (2002): High Crimes (2:00)

Evening

6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Inves-tigation - Miami tigation - Miami 10:00 U.S. Movie (1996): That Thing You Do! (1:50) 11:50 The Beat File Special: David Bowle Live 3:50 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Italy vs. Sweden (r) 5:50 Jazz File: Kenny Garrett Quartet at File Special: David

10:00 French Movie (2001): Chaos (1:50) 2:05 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Latvia vs.

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12:00 TV Series: Third Watch (r)

Evening 6:00 U.S. Movie (1956): Giant (3:24)

German (r) 4:05 U.S. Movie (2002): Red Skies (1:25)

7:30 Oswald #6 8:00 U.S. Movie (1956): The Man Who Knew Too Much (2:05) 10:20 U.S. Movie (2002): The Scorpion King (1:37)

British-U.S. Movie (2002): Lost in La Mancha (1:35)

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Morning 7:30 Oswald #7

10:40 U.S. Movie (1968): Monterey Pop (1:20)

3:20 U.S. Movie (2002): Ghost Ship (1:34) Evening 12:00 South Park #102

12:00 South Park #102 1:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Holland vs. Czech (r) 3:00 Pro Boxing: WBC Heavyweight Championship - Wladimir Klitsch-ko vs. Danny Williams (r) Movie (1998): The First Emperor (2:50) 5:00

12:00 TV Series: Third Watch (r)

FRI, DEC. 17

12:00 TV Series: Third Watch (r) 1:00 French-U.S. Movie (1973): Papil-lon (2:35)

4:00 U.S. Movie (2001): Angel Eyes (1:45)

(1:45)
Evening
10:00 U.S.-British Movie (2002): Dr.
Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1:50)
11:50 TV Series: Friends the Final (r)
12:20 Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital #2

1:10 Stephen King's Kingdom Hospi-tal #3 2:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (1:45) 4:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Spain vs. Portugal (r)

SAT, DEC. 18

Morning 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Inves-tination - Miami

12:30 U.S. Movie (1982): The Verdict 3:00 U.S. Movie (2001): Black Knight

Evening
800 U.S. Movie (2003): National Security (1:30)
9:30 TV Series: Angels in America #5
10:40 TV Series: Angels in America #5
10:40 TV Series: Angels in America #6
12:20 TV Series: Friends the Final 12:30 TV Series: Sex and the City (7)
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#### JAPAN TV (BS7/NHK SATELLITE) (BILINGUAL AND SPORTS) 3:10 X-Games (r)

#### SUN, DEC. 12 4:35 Railway U.S.A.

Morning 6:10 Figure Skating GP Series in Rus-sia (r) 8:10 World News

9:10 What's On Japan (r) 10:10 BS Documentary: Outbreak of AIDS (r)

Afternoon 12:00 CNN News 12:20 Weekly NFL 1:00 Emperor's Cup Soccer Champion-ship: Gunma FC Horikoshi vs. Ju-bilo Iwata

3:10 Emperor's Cup Soccer Champion-ship: Omlya Ardija vs. F.C. Tokyo 5:10 X-Games (r) 5:50 CNN News

Evening 7:10 Emperor's Cup Soccer Champion-ship: Kashima Antiers vs. Ka-wasaki Frontale 9:10 BS Sports Weekly

10:10 Emperor's Cup Soccer Champi-onship Digest 11:10 Figure Skating GP Series in Rus-sia (r) SIA (F) 12:10 CNN News 12:20 BS Sports Weekly (r) 1:10 Midnight Sports & Encore Hour

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Afternoon 12:15 What's on Asia (r) 2:15 ABC News 3:15 CNN News 5:15 Asian News Evening 6:15 CNN News

5:00 PGA Golf

5:40 Football Mundial

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9:15 Economic News
10:10 BS World Documentary: Whale
Hunting in Bering Sea (r)
11:15 NFL: New York Jets vs. Pittsburgh Steelers
2:15 Asian News
3:35 World Amazing Sports
4:15 Asian News

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TUE, DEC. 14

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Evening 6:15 CNN News 9:15 Fconomic 10:10 BS World Documentary: Over Fishing in Northern Pacific

4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News

7:00 NHK News

10:10 BS World Docun cide in Rwanda (r) 11:15 CNN News

Fishing in Northern Pacific 11:15 NFL: Kansas City Chiefs vs. Ten-nessee Titans 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports

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10:10 BS World Documentary: Hana's Suitcase (r) 11:15 CNN News Afternoon 12:15 CNN News

2:15 PBS NewsHour 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News 5:15 Asian News

7:00 Emperor's Cup Soccer Champ ship: Yokohama F. Marinos Thespa Kusatsu 10:10 Economic News

11:10 Emperor's Cup Soccer Champi-onship: Urawa Reds vs. Shonan Rellmare Bellmare 1:15 NBA: Denver Nuggets vs. Phila-delphia 75ers 3:20 Asian News 5:15 World News

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World News 10:10 BS World Documentary: Secret Lives: Hidden Children and Their Rescuers During WW2 (r) 11:15 CNN News

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6:15 CNN News

10:10 World Reports 11:15 FIFA 2006 World Cup: European and South American Preliminary and South American Preliminary Highlights 12:10 Soccer: AFC Champions League - Final Highlights 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News

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Morning 8:10 World News 9:10 World News 10:10 World Rep 11:40 CNN News

11:40 CNN News Afternoon 1:03 Men's Volleyball V-League: NEC vs. Asahi Kasel 3:00 Women's Volleyball V-League: NEC vs. Hitachi Sawa 5:00 A Road to FIFA 2005 World Cup

Evening 12:10 CNN News 12:10 CNN News 12:20 Sports & Encore Hour 1:10 NBA: Teams To Be Determined

1:10 NBA: TeamS 4:10 What's On Japan 5:00 PGA Golf 5:40 Football Mundial

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#### Morning 10:00 Aerobics

Evening 7:00 NHK News

### MON, DEC. 13

# 7:00 NHK News

8:00 TV Drama: Poil de Carott 10:00 TV Series: ER IX 12:30 U.S. Movie (1957): The Spirit of 12:30 U.S. Movie (1966): Arabesque St. Louis (2:20) (1:50) TUE, DEC. 14

8:00 TV Drama: Snow Queen (1/2) 10:00 TV Series: The West Wing 3

WED, DEC. 15

7:00 NHK News 8:00 TV Drama: Snow Queen (2/2) 10:00 TV Series: Alias 2 12:00 U.S. Movie (1971): Duel (1:31) 1:31 U.S. Movie (1985): White Nights

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8:00 TV Drama: Goodbye Mr. Chips 12:30 U.S.-Canadian Movie (1983): The Dead Zone (1:46)

Morning

9:30 Aerobics

2:16 U.S. Movie (1936): Dodsworth FRI. DEC. 17

8:00 TV Drama: Don Quixote 12:30 Classical Music: Dresden Na-tional Orchestra Concert (r) SAT. DEC. 18

### 7:00 NHK News

Evening

7:00 NHK News

7:30 MTV Video Music Awards 2004 Morriman and Music Friedly Kemp 1000 Classical Music Robat Busic R

#### AM WEEKLY RADIO

Morning (Sun)
7:05 Religious Programming
9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz) Afternoon 12:00 American Country Countdown 4:00 A Prairie Home Companion

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Evening 6:00 Focus on the Family 6:30 Travel Radio

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6:00 Eagle SiD Morning Show (Contemporary
Hits)

Hits) 7:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary

7:00 Pacific Report
7:24 Pacific Report
7:24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story
7:28 Eagle 810 News
7:30 Zama Commander's Corner (1st Friday)
Yokota Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Friday)

day) Yokota/USFJ Chief's Corner (3rd Friday) 10:00 Retro Café (70s, 80s, 90s) Afternoon 12:05 Pacific Report

12:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary 12:21 Air Force Radio News 12:21 Air Force Radio News 2:00 Top 40 Music 3:00 Traffic Jamz (Current Chart Hits) 4:05 Pacific Report 4:07 AFN Sportspage 4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story

6:00 From the Bench Live Sports (Wed)
7:00 NPR's Morning Edition LIVE
Yokosuka Commander's Corner (1st & 3rd
Thureday)

Toxosuka Commander's Corner (1st & 3rc Thursday) 8:00 Rush Limbaugh 9:00 The Touch (Urban): Mon/Country Tue/Pure Gold (Oldies): Wed/Rock of Ages (Classic Rock): Thu/The Touch (Urban): Fri (Urban): Fri
12:00 - Rock (Alternative)
2:00 Sports Overnight America
4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation LIVE
Morning (Sat)
6:00 NPR's All Things Considered LIVE
8:05 Car Talk

9:00 Kim Komando 10:00 Classic Rock

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40 4:00 Z-Rock (Alternative) 4:00 2-ROCK (Alternative)
Evening
6:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night
7:00 The Touch (Urban)
12:00 Z-ROCK (Alternative)
2:00 Sports Overnight America

4:00 Adult Contemporary **POWER 1575** Morning (Sun) 7:00 NPR: All Things Considered 8:00 Rush Limbaugh 9:00 Parent's Journal 10:00 Chef's Table

11:00 Sports Overnight America Afternoon 12:00 Adult Rock 4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

Morning (Mon-Fri) 6:00 Morning Air Strike 6:30 Paul Harvey News 7:10 Horoscope 7:30 Inside Iwakuni Radio News

7:30 Inside IWakuni Radio News 8:30 Rest of the Story 8:35 David Letterman/Leno 9:00 Country Call Up 10:00 Bright AC/Golden Oldies (Fri) 11:00 Urban Assault 11:00 Urban Assault **Afternoon** 1:00 Z-Rock/Golden Oldies (Fri) 2:00 The Afterburner 2:30 Inside Iwakuni Radio News 2:34 Rest of the Story

236 Pacific Report 3:30 Pacific Report 3:40 AFN Sportspage 4:00 Departure Time Evening 6:00 NPR: Fresh Air 7:00 The Rock Shou

7:00 The Rock Show (Mon)/Old School (Thu)/The Mosh Pit (Fri) 12:00 Adult Rock 00 Count

Morning (Sat) 6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) 10:00 Soundbarrier Afternoon 2:00 Rick Dee's Weekly Top 40 Evening 6:00 NPR: All Things Considered 6:00 NPR: All Things of 7:00 The Jim Rome SI 8:00 The Touch 12:00 Z-Rock 5:00 Hot Jazz

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Morning (Sun) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 6:00 Sam Donaldson 7:00 Religious 9:00 Oldies 10:00 Hot AC Afternoon 12:00 ACC Country

Evening 6:00 Prairie Home 6:00 Prairie Home 8:00 Hot AC Morning (Mon-Thu) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Sports Overnite America 5:00 Rush Limbaugh 6:00 Matt in the Morning

9:00 Hot AC Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock 3:00 Edge Afternoon Radio Evening 6:00 Country

Morning (Fri) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Sports Overnite America 5:00 Rush Limbaugh 6:00 Matt in the Morning 9:00 FlashBack 11:00 Hot AC

Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock 1:00 Inside The Line 3:00 That Country Show Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 8:00 R&B

Morning (Sat) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Hot AC 8:00 Car Talk 9:00 Saturday Retro Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees

3:00 Nuestra Musi 5:00 Kim Komando Evening 6:00 Jim R 7:00 Z-Rock 9:00 Hot AC

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THUNDER RADIO 1575 Morning (Sunday) 12:00 Top 40 4:00 Soft Hits 7:00 Religious Programming 10:00 Focus on the Family 10:30 The Environmental Show 11:00 Savvy Traveler ican Country Countdown

Afternoon 12:00 American C 4:00 Top 40 Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 9:00 Z Rock Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Soft Hits 3:00 Oldies 5:00 Rush Limbaugh 6:00 Morning Drive 9:00 Country

12:00 "The Jam" with Nikki V. (Mon, Wed and Fri)
12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu)
3:00 "The Rush"
Evening
6:00 Classic Rock
9:00 Top 40

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Morning (Saturday)

12:00 Top 40 4:00 Classic Rock 7:00 All Things Considered 8:30 Best of Our Knowledge 9:00 Oldies 10:00 Car Talk 11:00 DJ Top 40 Show (live)

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees American Top 40 4:00 Nuestra Musica 5:00 Country Evening 8:00 Url

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Thunder AM Morning (Sun) 12:00 Country 5:00 NPR Weekly Edition 7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

10:00 Nuestra Musica Afternoon 12:00 Oldies Radio 4:00 Sports Overnight America Evening 6:00 NPR Car Talk

7:00 Prairie Home Companion 8:00 NPR Weekend Edition Sunday 11:00 Country Morning (Mon) 12:00 Country 5:00 NPR

5:00 NPR 7:00 Morning Report 7:30 This Week with Sam & Cokie 8:00 Oldies Radio Afternoon 12:00 Noon Report 12:35 News & Views 1:00 Dr. Laura

2:00 Country 5:00 Jim Rome Show Evening 6:00 Evening Report 6:35 Sports Byline 7:00 Rush Limbaugh 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition

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8:00 Country 9:00 National Public Radio

SURF 648 AM Morning (Sunday) 6:00 Adult Rock (cont.

Afternoon 2:00 Sports Overnight America (live) 7:00 Ben Maller & Jason Smith – Sports (live)

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12:00 Country
Morning (Mon)
7:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live) 8:00 Adult Rock 8:00 Adult Rock 11:00 Jim Lampley (live) Sports Afternoon

12:00 Steve Schlanger 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded) 2:00 Adult Pock

2-20 Adult Rock 4-00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded) 5-00 Sports Overnight America Evening 7-200 NPR's Morning Edition (live) 11:90 Country 1:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (live) 2-00 Country

Morning (Tue-Thu) 6:00 NPR's All Things C 8:00 Adult Rock 11:00 FOX Sports

Afternoon 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded) 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded) 2:00 Adult Rock 2:00 Adult Rock 4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded) 5:00 Sports Overnight America

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Afternoon 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded) 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)

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10:00 Adult Rock
Afternoon
12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded)
1:00 Adult Rock
3:00 Sports Overnight America (live) Evening 6:00 Adult Rock

6:00 Adult Rock (Note: The Schedule is subject to change due to sports schedules.)

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The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM Country 93.3 FM Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM

National Public Radio Morning (Sun) 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered 8:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night

11:00 Piano Jazz Afternoon

12:00 Beethoven Network 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered 2:00 Dialogue

2:30 Uncommon Knowledge 3:00 The WEMT Jazz Network

Evening

6:00 Wait. Wait Don't Tell Me 7:00 A Prairie Home Companion 9:00 Weekend Edition Sunday 11:00 Justice Talking 12:00 Fresh Air Weekend 1:00 This American Life

2:00 Le Show with Harry Shearer 4:00 Newseum Radio 5:00 Weekly Edition

Morning (Mon) 6:00 Weekend All Things Cons 8:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network Afternoon

12:00 Car Talk 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered 2:00 Fresh Air Weekend 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network

Evening 6:00 Morning Edition

11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in) 12:00 The Connection (call in) 1:00 Fresh Air 2:00 Wait Wait Don't Tell Me

3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in) 5:00 All Things Considered Morning (Tue-Fri)

7:00 The World 8:00 Marketplace 8:00 Marketplace 8:30 Says You (Tue) Latino USA (Wed) Living on Earth (Thu) Uncommon Knowledge (Fri) Rewind (Sat) 9:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network

1:00 All Things Considered 3:00 The WEMT Jazz Network

Evening 6:00 Morning Edition

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3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in) 5:00 All Things Considered Morning (Sat)

7:00 The World 8:00 Marketplace 9:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network 1:00 All Things Considered 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network 5:00 WFMT Jazz

Evening 6:00 Thistle & Shamrock 7:00 Weekly Edition

8:00 Rewind 8:30 Savs You

9:00 Weekend Edition Saturday 11:00 Car Talk (call in) 12:00 Reale Street Caravan

3:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night nal Press Club

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4:00 Bright Adult Contemp 8:00 Christian Contemporary 9:00 Bright Adult Contemp 10:00 Saturday Night 80's

12:00 Bob Kingsley's Country Count-4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary Evening 9:00 7-Rock

Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Z-Rock 5:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Uijong-bu, Kunsan, Taegu and Osan) 10:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Taegu and Osan)

1:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 3:00 Live Local Show (Korea-wide) Evening 6:00 Adult Rock

8:00 Urban Adult Contemporary Morning (Sat) 12:00 Z-Rock 5:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 8:00 Saturday Morning Wake-up (Korea-wide)

12:00 Bright Adult Contemporary Evening 9:00 Adult Rock

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Morning (Sun) 12:00 Adult Rock :00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)

Afternoon 12:00 American Country Co 4:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC) Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Adult Rock

5:00 Morning Show (live) 9:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 11:00 Wave Break (live)

1:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 2:00 Afternoon Show (live) Evening 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)

10:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC) Morning (Sat) 12:00 Adult Rock 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)

8:00 Saturday Show (live) 11:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40 4:00 Adult Rock

6:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)

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3:00 NFL Football: Chicago Bears at Jacksonville Jaguars
6:00 NFL Football: Detroit Lions at Green Bay Packers
10:30 NFL Football: Sunday Night Football - Philadelphia Eagles at Washing10:30 NFL Football: Sunday Night Football - Philadelphia Eagles at Washing-

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# It's crystaltime on Rodeo for the holidays

BY WENDY THERMOS

Los Angeles Times

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. - To some people, there's no such thing as too much glitter on Rodeo Drive

With Christmastime here, Beverly Hills has taken the art of holiday decoration to a new level. It has lined the median of the famously posh street with \$1 million worth of

formal chandeliers. To passersby, it's very Beverly Hills. But is it also over the top? Erin Dovle, 35, an office worker at a nearby hair-products firm, squinted thoughtfully overhead and offered the opinion that fancy chandeliers look odd on a public street.

Well," she said, "it's all about 'the look' of Beverly Hills. Personally, I think they look kind of pretentious."

To others, however, the display just goes with the territory.

"The \$50,000 watches were what we expected. But we didn't expect this. It's sort of like icing on the cake," said awestruck Bob Bechta, 56, a first-time visitor from Stafford Springs, Conn.

wife, Kathy, added: "They're just beautiful. But if they were in our small town, they'd be totally out of place."

From Thanksgiving through New Year's, it's a tradition in many towns to drape busi ness districts with twinkling skeins of snowflake lights on trees and storefront

But on Rodeo Drive's three-block stretch of swank emporiums, such decor might

seem a little declasse. So when Baccarat, the renowned French crystal maker, offered to dress up Rodeo, gratis, with 20 handcrafted chandeliers valued at close to \$50,000 apiece, city officials and the chamber of commerce enthusiastically accepted.

The shimmering crystal lamps are suspended from sleek standards temporarily installed by Baccarat at an additional cost of

\$500,000 The bases of the displays include the Baccarat logo. The chandeliers themselves are encased in clear plastic boxes to protect

them from the elements Yanique Barnes, assistant manager of Cole Haan shoes and accessories, is among the many shopkeepers who applaud the overhead eye candy.

"I think it's very elegant," she said. "It goes well with the street. Anything that draws people and helps them enjoy the shopping experience is good.'

But a courtly 82-year-old man waiting for his wife to finish shopping was unmoved "I think they're gilding the lily," said the Westwood resident, who gave his name only as Ken. "They may make a statement to some people. I don't know if it's money well spent on [Baccarat's] part.



lamps cast a holiday glow on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, in a display that will remain up until Jan. 2. The 20 handcrafted chandeliers are valued at close to \$50,000 apiece and were installed free by the French maker.

Gregg Donovan, the city's official greeter who stands on Rodeo Drive attired in silk top hat, red topcoat and white gloves dismissed such criticism. With a little imagination, he suggested, the enclosures resemble gift boxes

And, "it reminds me of old-fashioned lanterns, so it's kind of nostalgic," he said, flashing a diplomatic grin.

Mayor Mark Egerman has heard nothing but praise for the bold flourish.

"This is the sort of thing everyone can enjoy," he said. "It's sort of like the old [public-relations] joke - 'I don't care what people say as long as they're talking about me.' " Each multitiered creation - there are six styles - sparkles with 750 to 1,000 multifaceted beads that were either hand-blown or hand-poured before being cut, polished and assembled by craftsmen in Baccarat, France

"Nothing like this has been done any where in the world that we're aware of said Brent McDaneld, a top executive with

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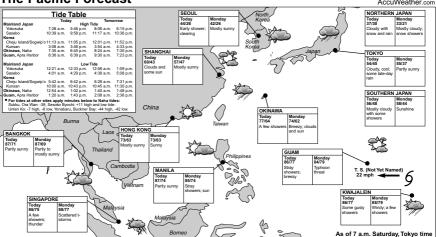
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### **Extended Forecasts**

#### TOKYO

Tuesday: Mostly sunny high 48, low 39. Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 53, low 45.

# KADENA

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 74, low 60. Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 74, low 62

#### SEOUL

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 44, low 31. Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 48, low 34.

#### MANILA

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 70. Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 87, low 74.

#### HAGATNA Tuesday: Showers,

high 86, low 79. Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 77.

### Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	57/34	Los Angeles	83/56
Amarillo	61/34	Little Rock	59/37
Anchorage	22/14	Louisville	53/39
Asheville	61/41	Miami	85/66
Baltimore	53/46	Milwaukee	45/30
Birmingham	60/42	Nashville	55/40
Bismarck	34/24	New York	49/44
Boise	55/40	Omaha	39/24
Boston	45/42	Orlando	81/54
Brownsville	87/50	Philadelphia	53/46
Buffalo	45/35	Phoenix	72/52
Burlington	39/34	Pittsburgh	53/38
Charleston, S	C 77/47	Portland, OR	60/48
Charlotte	68/44	Portland, ME	40/36
Cleveland	47/35	Salt Lake City	52/36
Columbus, OF	1 53/36	St. Louis	45/35
Duluth	27/14	San Antonio	74/40
El Paso	65/36	San Diego	74/56
Hartford	42/39	San Juan	86/74
Helena	53/36	Tampa	80/56
Indianapolis	51/35	Tulsa	55/34
Jacksonville	79/46	Washington	55/46
Kansas City	42/29	Wichita	54/29



#### U.S. Extended Forecast

Moisture wrapping around a low pressure system departing New England Sunday will combine with cold air from Canada to produce flurries and light snow across the Appalachians. No significant accumulation is expected, however. A low pressure system will bring flurries and light snow to the western Great Lakes region. A cold front associated with this system will drape across the central Plains and back across the central Rockies, bringing showers and mountain snow to Wyoming, southern Idaho and southern Oregon. On Monday this front will, in effect, be split by a large Canadian high pressure area moving into the Plains that will usher in colder air.

#### Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

## Sunday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	87/71	lwakuni	57/46	Sasebo NB	57/48	Acapulco	89/72	Budapest	45/33	Kabul	52/28	Nairobi	82/57
Beijing	43/27	Kadena AB	77/64	Sapporo	37/30	Athens	54/44	Buenos Aires	88/65	Kiev	33/21	New Delhi	84/54
Camp Casey	45/23	Kunsan AB	51/33	Seoul	44/26	Auckland	63/48	Cairo	69/46	Kuwait	73/42	Oslo	40/38
Christchurch	60/43	Kwajalein	86/77	Shanghai	60/43	Baghdad	58/31	Cancun	73/61	London	50/42	Paris	46/39
Diego Garcia	88/79	Manila	87/74	Singapore	86/75	Barbados	85/68	Cape Town	87/63	Madrid	51/40	Rio de Janeir	0 74/64
Hagatna	86/77	Misawa AB	45/33	Sydney	82/63	Barcelona	52/41	Geneva	48/40	Mexico City	68/44	Rome	56/43
Hanoi	75/61	Osan	46/26	Taegu	53/33	Berlin	43/37	Istanbul	46/37	Montreal	29/19	St. Petersburg	28/18
Hong Kong	73/63	Perth	85/64	Taipei	75/58	Bermuda	72/59	Jerusalem	55/38	Mogadishu	91/74	Stockholm	39/32
Honolulu	81/65	Pusan	55/40	Tokyo	54/45	Brussels	49/39	Johannesbur	82/61	Moscow	32/16	Warsaw	41/31
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# **SCOREBOARD**

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#### Sunday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—College basketball: ouisville at Florida. AFN-Pacific/Korea, 3 a.m.—College basket-pall: Utah at Arizona. AFN-Atlantic, 3:30 a.m.—College basket-pall: Indiana at Kentucky. AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.—College basketball: Or-

APN-Sports, 4 am.—College basketball: Organizations, comparations, compa

nan Trophy presentation.

AFN radio Okinawa, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: L.A. lippers vs. L.A. Lakers.

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—Golf: World Challenge,

AFN-Sports, ound ( AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—Pro boxing: Antonio arver vs. Glen Johnson, light-heavy-Farver vs. Glen Johnson, light-heavy-weights, at Los Angeles. AFN-Atlantic, 9 p.m.—College basketball: Pepperdine at UCLA (dld).

#### Monday

AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.—NFL: ESPN Sunday NFL Countdown AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.—NFL: CBS The NFL Today.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 2 a.m.-NFL: FOX NFL unday. AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.-NFL: Cincinnati at lew England.

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—NFL: Cakland at Atlana. AFN-Pacific/Korea, 3 a.m.—NFL: Seattle a

finnesota.

AFN radio Okinawa, Korea, 3 a.m.—NFL:
hicago at Jacksonville.

AFN-Atlantic, 6 a.m.—NFL: N.Y. Jets at Pittsn. I**-Pacific/Korea, 6 a.m.**—NFL: Tampa It San Diego. I**-Sports. 6 a.m.**—NFL: St. Louis at Caroli-

AFN radio Okinawa, Korea, 6 a.m.—NFL: De roit at Green Bay.

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NFL: ESPN NFL
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AFN-Sports, AFN radio Okinawa, Korea
10:30 a.m.—NFL: Philadelphia at Washing on.

AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.—NFL: ESPN NFL Prime ime final. Time AFN me final.

AFN-Sports, 5:30 p.m.—Golf: World Chalnge, final round (dld).

All Times Japan and Korea Standard time; dld indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

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## College football

## **Division I-AA playoffs**

Semifinals Friday, Dec. 10 les Madison (11-2) at Wi am & Mary

Saturday, Dec. 11 Sam Houston State (11-2) a (11-2)

Championship Friday, Dec. 17 At Finley Stadium/Daven Chattanooga, Ten Chatta Samifinal winners

# Division II playoffs

Championship
Saturday, Dec. 11
At Braly Municipal Stadium
Florence, Ala.
Itsburg St. (14-0) vs. Valdosta State

Division III playoffs

Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 11 Mary Hardin-Baylor (12-1) at Mount Union,

hio (12-0) Rowan, N.J. (10-2) at Linfield, Ore. (11-0)

# College basketball

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1. LSU (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 16
dinnesota, Tuesday, Dec. 14.
2. Stanford (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Peperdine, Friday.
3. Duke (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Liberty,

3. Duke (7-1) did not play. Next. vs. Loury, Sunday. 4. Texas (4-2) did not play. Next: at North Exas, Thursday, Dec. 16. 5. North Carolina (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Coastal Carolina, Sunday. 6. Baylor (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Penn Staty (10-1) did not play.

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23. TCU (1-2) DEAL VARIABLES OF SALURIAN, 24. Arizona (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Georgia, Sunday. 25. Kansas State (4-2) did not play. Next: at Missouri-Kansas City, Saturday.

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TCU 81, Oklahoma 65
Texas Tech 79, Oral Roberts 46
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E. New Mexico 64, St. Edward's, Texas 60 Fresho St. 65, Washington St. 61 Hawaii 79, SE Missouri 69 Oregon 79, Idaho St. 56 San Francisco 62, Inon Benefice San Francisco 62, Long Beach St. 57 Utah 66, Weber St. 59

### Golf

# Target World Challenge

Thursday
At Sherwood Country Club
Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Purse: \$5.25 million
Yardage: 6,933 yards; Par: 71
First Round

First F Jim Furyk Tiger Woods Colin Montgomerie Fred Couples Miguel Angel Jimenez Padralg Harrington Jay Haas 32-35-67 34-33-67 33-34-67 35-33-68 33-35-68 36-32-68 33-33-69 Miguel Angel Ji Padraig Harring Jay Haas Chris DiMarco Chad Campbell Stewart Cink Davis Love III Kenny Perry John Daly Todd Hamilton Vijay Singh Stephen Ames 33-33-69 35-34-69 35-35-70 35-35-70 36-34-70 37-36-73 34-39-73 38-35-73 36-38-74

### **Australian Masters**

Friday
At Huntingdale Golf Club
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: \$977,500
Yardage: 7,040; Par: 72
Second Round
Bradley Hughes, Australia
Robert Allenby, Australia
Bradid McKerzle, Australia 64-66-130 66-68-134 67-68-135

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Adam Scott, Australia John Morse, United States Camilo Villegas, Colombia Peter O'Malley, Australia Daniel Chopra, Sweden Ty Tryon, United States Failed to Qualify Ian Leggatt, Canada Nick Flanagan, Australia Michael Pearson, United States

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No quarter scores or statistics available.
Japan boys basketball
Friday's summary
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At Tokyo

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CAJ 15 14 24 14-67
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Jesse McDaniel 11, Andy Clark 10; Edgren,
Shamar Riddick 14, Talon Schwalm 13, Leading rebounder-CAJ, Jesse Kleinjan 13.

# Deals

# Thursday's transactions

AUTO RACING SPEED
INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEED
WAY—Named Joie Chitwood III praddent.
INDY RACING LEAGUE—Named Brian Barnhart president.
BASEBALL

Masteall American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with OF Jermaine Dye on a two-year con-With Or Britisher Dy G.

TACL YANKES—Named Neil Allen
bullpen coach and Rich Monteleone special
pitching instructional League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to
terms with 3B Troy Glaus on a four-year con-

ract. ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with

ATLANTA BRAVES – Agreed to terms with 18 Julio Franco on a one-year contract. LOS ANGELES DODGENS – Agreed to terms with 28 Jeff Kent on a two-year contract. Which is the contract of the con

Mical Micah Knorr. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Agreed to terms ith LB Steve Josue.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Placed RB Priest

Holmes on injured reserve.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Placed C Jeremy
Newberry on injured reserve. Signed QB
Brandon Doman from the practice squad.
Signed OL Thomas Herrion to the practice

squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Placed DE Phil-lip Daniels on injured reserve. Signed DL Cedric Killings. Signed LB Billy Strother to the practice squad.

# Report: Irish interested in Pats' Weis

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Count Charlie Weis among the coaching candidates at Notre Dame.

The New England Patriots offensive coordinator could be interviewed by the Irish as early as Friday, The Boston Globe reported on its Web site Thursday night

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The report is "nothing that we would comment on," Patriots

would comment on," Patriots spokesman Stacey James said. Notre Dame is looking for a replacement for fired coach Ty-

rone Willingham. School officials also are scheduled to meet with former Irish assistant coach Tom Clements on Friday, a football source told The Associated Press on condi-

tion of anonymity.

Clements, in his first season as offensive coordinator with the Buffalo Bills, played quarterback for the Irish under coach Ara Parseehian, leading the

school to an undefeated season and a national championship in 1973.

The Globe attributed its report on Weis to an unidentified source involved in the hiring process at Notre Dame and a source in the NFL with ties to

Notre Dame and a source in the NFL with ties to Weis.

Weis' agent, Bob LaMonte, told the AP early Thursday that he had not heard from Notre Dame, saying he thought the school was focusing on Clem-

ents. LaMontre did not immediately return another call seeking comment. Weis did not immediately return a phone mes-

John Heisler, Notre Dame's associate athletic director, said Thursday the university would not comment.

Weis attended Notre Dame, but never played college football. He was hired an assistant at South Carolina from 1985-88 and joined the New York Giants as a defensive assistant and assistant special teams coach in 1990. He has also been an assistant with Patriots and Jets before becoming offensive coordinator in New England in 2000.



Heisman Trophy candidates, from left to right, Matt Leinart, of USC; Reggie Bush, of USC; Alex Smith, of Utah; Jason White, of Oklahoma, and Adrian Peterson, of Oklahoma, pose before the start of the Home Depot College Football Awards on Thursday in Lake Buena Vista, Fia.

# Study: Less than half of players at 27 of 56 bowl schools graduate

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER The Associated Press Writer

The Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Twenty-seven of the 56 schools with bowl-bound football teams graduated less than half their players, according to a study released Tuesday.

The annual study by the Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sports at the University of Central Florida also showed that 39 of the schools graduated less than half of their black players.

Among the bowl teams, 51 of 55 graduated at least 40 percent of their white players, according to the study, while just 30 schools graduated at least 40 percent of their black players. Only six schools graduated a higher percentage of black players than white players.

There are 56 teams playing in this year's bowl games, but only 55 teams were examined because Navy doesn't release graduation rates. Last year, 32 bowl-bound teams graduated less than half of their football players.

"You find the gaps between African-American and white football players a little bit wider at the bowl level," said Richard Lapchick, the study's author. "It's a problem throughout Divi-

The institute used NCAA statistics for the study. The statistics were taken from four freshman classes, beginning in 1994-95 and ending in '97-98, with each class given six years to graduate.

This year, the NCAA reported that 54 percent of all football players graduated, an increase of 3 percent over last year. The general student body rate was 60 percent and the overall student-athlete rate was 62 percent.

The schools with the worst graduation rates, both overall and for black players, were Pittsburgh and Texas. Pittsburgh had an overall graduation rate of 31 percent and 20 percent for black players. Texas had an overall graduation rate of 34 percent, 33 percent for its black players

33 percent for its black players.
Texas spokesman Bill Little
said the study didn't take into account that many football players
left and graduated at other
schools after coach Mack Brown
took over the program in 1998.

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"When you change coaches,
there are guys who don't want to
play in that system," Little said.
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Pitt spokesman E.J. Borghetti said the report doesn't reflect the school's current graduation rate since 15 of 19 seniors on the team graduated last year, including eight of 11 black players.

"It's key to emphasize the report is a snapshot of a football program in the middle of the last decade," Borghetti said. "It's not an accurate portrait of what our football program is in 2004."

Syracuse (78 percent overall, 69 for black players), Notre Dame (78 and 74) and Boston College (77 and 76) had the best graduation rates overall and for black players.

# OU's White takes Maxwell, O'Brien

The Associatea Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla.—Oklahoma quarterback Jason White was a two-time award winner in college football, taking the Maxwell Award as best all-around player and adding his second straight Davey O'Brien quarterback trophy.

Texas running back Cedric Benson won the Doak Walker Award on Thursday night.

Award on Thursday night.

White, last year's Heisman Trophy winner, also is a finalist for
this year's Heisman to be presented Saturday night in New York.

White had 30 touchdown passes and just four interceptions in leading the Sooners (12-0) to the national title game against Southern California in the Grange Bowl on Jan. 4. He beat out teammate Adrian Peterson and Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart for the Maxwell, and topped Leinart and Utah quarterback Alex Smith for the Davey O'Brien Award.

"Tm really very surprised about this, especially after the way our season ended last year," White said, referring to losses in the final two games of the '03 season. "Everybody seemed to really write me off as far as the awards and everything for this year.

"This is certainly a great honor. But you know in the grand scheme of things, it really doesn't mean very much unless we're able to win it all. I'd rather be on the best team in the nation than to be the best overall player in the nation."

Leinart didn't leave the awards ceremony empty-handed — he was chosen Walter Camp player of the year. Also a Heisman finalist, Leinart has the top-ranked Trojans (12-0) in position to win a second straight national title. He threw for 2,748 yards and 28 touchdowns.

"Tm really just kind of going into this [Heisman] with an open mind, but I'm going in by not getting my hopes up, either," Leinart said. "I'm just looking forward to the whole experience in New York City and hanging out with ev-

erybody and all of those past winners. It's going to be an honor, and we'll see what happens. I'm just going into it looking to have fun." The Maxwell Award once was

a good predictor of the Heisman with 14 of 19 players earning both awards from 1981-99. But the last four Maxwell winners fell short in winning the Heisman, college football's top individual prize.

"In all honesty, I think that string will probably reach five," White said. "I'm not sure about my chances for the Heisman."

Benson's honor signified him as the nation's top runner, having gained 1,764 yards and scoring 20 touchdowns. He beat out Peterson, the Sooners' sensational freshman, and California's J.J. Arrington, for the award sponsored by the Southern Methodist Athletic Forum. "With those guys (Oklahoma)

being undefeated and in the national championship game, I'm a little bit surprised," Benson said. "It seems like the undefeated teams always get all the awards. I'm just really honored and glad my named was mentioned, and that my hard work wasn't overlooked." Georgia defensive end David

Pollack won the Chuck Bednarik Trophy as the nation's best defensive player. On Wednesday, the 6-foot-3, 261-pound Pollack won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top lineman.

White wasn't the only award winner from Oklahoma. Offensive tackle Jammal Brown took the Outland Trophy as the nation's best interior lineman.

Also, Michigan's Braylon Edwards took the Biletnikoff Award for best wide receiver; Auburn's Carlos Rogers won the Jim Thope Award for best defensive back; Ohio State's Mike Nugent won the Lou Groza Award for best kicker; and Baylor's Daniel Sepulved took the Ray Guy Award for best

Utah's Urban Meyer, who took over at Florida earlier this week, was chosen The Home Depot coach of the year.

# Cooper defends decision to hire Spurrier

BY JACOB JORDAN

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The only black football coach currently at South Carolina defended the school's decision to hire Steve Spurrier after the Black Coaches Association criticized the university for failing to conduct a full search.

Assistant Ron Cooper, a former

head coach at several Division I-A schools, said Thursday he was contacted about the position when Lou Holtz decided to retire earlier this year.

But when athletic director Mike McGee told Cooper there was a chance to hire Spurrier, Cooper said, "if you can hire Steve Spurrier, go hire him now."

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist," Cooper said. "There are a lot of coaches out there that would have said what I said." 44It doesn't take a rocket scientist.

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Ron Cooper South Carolina assistant

coach on hiring Steve Spurrier

BCA director Floyd Keith told prospective football recruits and assistant coaches to stay away from South Carolina because the school ignored the group's recommendation for a more open coaching search.

Keith said earlier this week that South Carolina never contacted the BCA.

"There was an announcement

and a hire," he said. "That was so fast that a jackrabbit couldn't have had a family between all that."

Cooper, a former head coach at Eastern Michigan, Louisville and Alabama A&M, said he was out of town this week when the news broke.

"I know Floyd and I understand where he's coming from," Cooper said. But "to say that it was never brought up, it was brought up and it was talked about."

Three of the five black head coaches at major colleges — Notre Dame's Tyrone Willingham, New Mexico State's Tony Samuel and San Jose State's Fitz Hill — won't be back with their schools next season.

McGee has said the mission of the BCA is important to college football. Bur he said administrators faced a brief time frame to land someone as prominent as Spurrier.

# A freshman who's ahead of the class

# Oklahoma's Peterson lives up to the hype

BY JEFF LATZKE The Associated Press

NORMAN Okla - Adrian Peterson's arrival at Oklahoma was accompanied by impossible expectations. Before he even stepped on a practice field, he was hyped as one of the nation's best runners who would carry the Sooners to greatness.

Then, in just one season, he proved it wasn't so impossible after all

Now, the 19-year-old running back will try to become the first player to win the Heisman Trophy as a freshman. No sophomore has won it, either.

He's one of five finalists, joining Sooners quarterback Jason White. Utah quarterback Alex Smith and Southern California teammates Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush. The award will be presented Saturday.

Peterson has rushed for 1,843 yards and 15 touchdowns. He's had at least 100 yards rushing in 11 games — an NCAA freshman record — and is only 20 yards from breaking the NCAA's season rushing record for freshmen, set by Wisconsin's Ron Dayne in 1996

But Dayne, whose Badgers were 8-5 that year, didn't even break the top 10 in the Heisman voting. The last freshman to make it to the top five was Virginia Tech's Michael Vick, third in 1999

Not even Maurice Clarett, who rushed for 1,190 yards and 16 touchdowns as he helped Ohio State win the 2002 national champion-

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ship, found his way into the top 10. Peterson, though, has run right past Clarett's numbers. And he hasn't made the typical freshman mistakes. He hasn't lost a fumble all season despite leading the nation with 314 carries, helping the No. 2 Sooners (12-0) to an Orange Bowl berth against No. 1 Southern California (12-0) for

the national championship. Along the way, Peterson shrugged off the records and the attention. He's not on a mission. He's just doing what he does best

"I really don't feel like I have to prove anything to anybody," he said. "I just go out there and run the ball Teammates no longer view him as a liability in pass blocking - his lone weakness at the start of the season - and White said he's comfortable

- for Peterson. "Adrian brings a lot to the team," White

said. "Just his presence being out there, the defense has got to be ready for him. Colorado coach Gary Barnett, whose team was routed 42-3 by the Sooners in the Big 12 title

pass-only team the Buffaloes could blitz mercilessly. "The reason we could do that is because they didn't have Adrian Peterson at that time," Barnett said. "Adrian Peterson takes you out of that mode. He makes you

become a really sound, fundamental, basic football team. If you are taking any chances, they better be thought out. That's what he does to you.' One of Barnett's cornerbacks, Terrence

Wheatley, said this after facing Peterson "I have never seen a guy that big, that strong, that fast." Tackle Jammal Brown, one of three seniors on Oklahoma's offensive line, would

vote for Peterson for the Heisman if he "He's the real deal," Brown said. "He makes plays on his own. We block well for him, but a lot of times the things he does

are all him. He'll make the first guys miss and he'll outrup the last guy. "He's the future and will take Oklahoma a long ways in the next few years.

Peterson has taken them far this year. With White struggling against Texas (113 yards, no touchdowns, two interceptions), it was Peterson who lifted the Sooners with 225 rushing vards to outshine Texas tailback Cedric Benson.

He ran for 249 yards to help Oklahoma edge Oklahoma State 38-35. After a shoulder injury limited his carries against Nebraska, he returned to score three touch downs each against Baylor and Colorado

to bolster his Heisman credentials. Stoops has refused to pick sides in the Heisman race, but he'll be the first to praise Peterson. When asked what makes the 6-foot-2, 210-pound freshman so successful, Stoops rolled out the superlatives.

"Ît's his strength, it's his speed, it's his vision, it's toughness when he takes some-body on," Stoops said. "He's got it all." But will it be enough to beat two unde-

feated senior quarterbacks? History says it won't. But it wouldn't be the first time Peterson has done something few thought he could.

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# **UMass upsets UConn** on Freeman's basket

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO The Associated Press

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AMHERST, Mass. — Connecticut didn't have to travel far to hit its first bump in the

Massachusetts stunned the seventh-ranked Huskies 61-59 on Rashaun Freeman's layup with 4.3 seconds to play Thursday night, prompting many of the 9,037 fans to storm the

court after the final buzzer I felt like we won the national championship. I never saw a crowd like that around here," UMass guard Anthony Anderson said. "We've been saying that this was our year.

Maybe we showed it tonight." It was UConn coach Jim Calhoun's first loss to UMass in 19 years with the Huskies, the de-fending national champions who made the short trip up Interstate 91 for their first road

snort trip up interstate 91 for their first road game after nine at home. "They outworked us." Calhoun said. "Steve (Lappas) got his kids jacked up for the game. They played exceptionally hard. There was no

reason for us to not to play hard. ... I couldn't be more disappointed Freeman, who had 18 points and eight rebounds, came through repeatedly to help the Minutemen (3-2) beat the Huskies (4-1) for

the first time in 14 games. 'It was a gutsy win for our kids," Lappas

Freeman and his teammates got the better of UConn's frontcourt, which had been outre-

bounding opponents by 25 boards a game. The teams finished even with 39 rebounds, but UMass had a slight edge on the glass in the first half and outscored Connecticut 42-24

"I told them at halftime we outrebounded UConn. That's unbelievable," Lappas said. "I also told them that we outscored them for a half that's also unbelievable. Now the big chal-

we've got to win the second half. The Huskies came back from a 12-point, first-half deficit and held a tenuous five-point lead late in the game. But Freeman hit consec-

utive baskets with under 4 minutes left, pulling the Minutemen to 55-54. Turnovers doomed the Huskies down the stretch. Antonio Kellogg dribbled the ball off his foot, and the Minutemen made him pay.

Jeff Viggiano hit a three-pointer with 55.2

seconds left to give UMass a 57-55 lead. "It had to be my best basket at UMass," Vigiano said. "It helps when your teammates get

behind you After UConn's Rudy Gay hit two free throws to tie it on the next possession, the Minutemen raced upcourt on the inbounds play and Art Bowers hit Freeman in full stride for

the winner. For Freeman, the buzzer came "I had leg cramps at the end." Freeman said. "I really didn't want to go into overtime."
Gay had 13 points for UConn. Josh Boone added 12 points and led the Huskies with nine

ecticut's Alassane Kouyate (21) has his path to the basket blocked by Massachusetts' Rashaun Freeman in Thursday night's game.

# Army too much for winless **Maritime**

WEST POINT, N.Y. - Colin Harris and Matt Bell each scored 18 points to lead Army to a 75-59 victory over New York Maritime on Thursday night

Bell scored all 10 of his first-half points in the last four minutes to help the Black Knights (2-6) build a 33-24 halftime lead

Army used a 25-10 run to build its lead to 58-34 midway through the second half.

Cory Sinning added 10 points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals for the Black Knights.

Robert Benton, who scored the first 12 points for Maritime (0-7), finished with 24 points and 10 rebounds. No other Privateers scored in double fig-

# Illinois, Kansas show why they're 1-2

WASHINGTON - Chants of "Overrated! Overrated!" lowed from the Georgetown fans even before the opening whistle. Illinois needed about 14 minutes to shut them up.

After trailing for much of the first half, a rarity this season, the top-ranked Fighting Illini took control with a 14-2 run just before the break and shot 65 percent in the second half Thursday night in a 74-59 victory over the Hoyas.

"We're going to take people's shots," coach Bruce Weber said. 'When you're in the top five, or one or whatever, people are going to be fired up. Our kids have got to realize that '

On a night when the Illini's outside shots weren't falling. Roger Powell exploited Georgetown's interior defense for 19 points on



8-for-11 shooting. James Augustine added 15 points and six rebounds. Guards Luther Head. Deron Williams and Dee Brown were a combined 10-for-25, but each had at least five assists to help overcome the team's sea son-low five three-pointers in 15 attemnts

Illinois finished with 20 assists, just off its nation-leading 22.3 av-

"If the threes are going, we're olaying at home, that's great, Weber said. "But today they weren't going. We had to chill out And I think we did a good job of that, at least enough to get a big two-thirds of the way to holding a No. 1 ranking for consecutive weeks for the first time in school history. The Illini lost their first

game the previous two times they gained the top spot. This time, they've held their own with two victories, with a game against Oregon in Chicago on Saturday to wind up the week. Freshman Jeff Green had 20

points and six rebounds to lead Georgetown (3-2) which had won three straight after an opening loss to Temple.

No. 2 Kansas 93. TCU 74: At Lawrence, Kan., Wayne Simien had 20 points and Keith Langford added 17 for the Jayhawks (5-0).

who had five players in double figures against the Horned Frogs. Walk-on Christian Moody had

career highs with 10 points and

10 rebounds, and teamed with guard J.R. Giddens on the play of the night

With 5:11 left and the Jay hawks holding a 13-point lead, Moody took the ball under the basket and fired a blind one-handed pass over his head to Giddens on the wing. Giddens then dropped in a three-pointer that brought a roar from the sellout crowd and put Kansas on top 77-61.

Nile Murry had 20 points for TCU (5-3), although he was hampered by foul problems much of the second half. Corey Santee added had 14

Chudi Chinweze, TCU's 6-foot-7 junior, landed awkwardly on the floor with 3:08 left and appeared to hurt his left leg. Play was stopped for several minutes while he was helped into the locker room. He finished with 10



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# Bob King, former New Mexico coach, dies at 81

ALBUOUEROUE, N.M. - Bob King, who developed New Mexi-co into a basketball power during his 10 seasons as coach, died Friday at age 81.

King died at Veteran's Administration Hospital, where he had been hospitalized since falling at his home Nov. 16. He had a history of health problems, beginning with a heart attack and cerebral aneurysm in 1978.

King had a 175-89 record at New Mexico from 1963 through 1972, winning Western Athletic hoops briefs

1968 The 1964 team made it to the NIT finals. one of three times the Lobos played in the

tles in 1964 and

NIT. The 1968 team was 23-5 and made the school's first-ever appearance in the NCAA tourna-

"He was a classy gentlemen who will be missed by many people but never forgotten," New Mexico athletic director Rudy Davalos said

Ritchie McKay, the current

coach whose father, Joe, played for King, said the program is mindful of King's legacy. "I'm one of the proud benefac-

tors of the values and principles he instilled, and the impact he made on his players and peers. McKay said. New Mexico State coach Lou

Henson said King "is the one that really brought big-time basketball to the state of New Mexico.

New Mexico's success under King led to construction of 14.000-seat University Arena. known as The Pit, which opened

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. Air Force guard Dan Nwaelele, who was suspended for the first six games of the season while under investigation for academic cheating, was cleared to play on Saturday as the Falcons face third-ranked Georgia Tech.

Nwaelele was reinstated Thursday as a cadet "in good standing following a legal and command re-

view." the academy reported. Cadets can be suspended for honor, academic, military or medical violations.

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# NHL players offer to cut salaries 24 percent

The Associated Press TORONTO - The NHL players' association stunned the league and even its mem-bers with its latest effort to save the hockey

When the owners walked away Thursday after the first bargaining session in three months, they had a 236-page document to go through and an offer of a 24 per-cent rollback of all salaries to consider.

"It was shocking for me to hear it," said Dallas forward Bill Guerin, a member of the executive board. "That's a lot of money

out of a guy's pocket to be giving up But like the Sept. 9 bargaining session that triggered the lockout a week later, the new offer doesn't provide the cost certainty that Commissioner Gary Bettman is seeking for the 30 NHL clubs.

He noted that one aspect - presumably the rollback - was significant. But he still isn't in favor of a luxury-tax system, that players prefer, over a salary cap.

A cap is an option the union says it will never accept.

"We have said consistently that the focus must be on the overall systemic issues and the long-term needs and health of our game," Bettman said.



By union estimates, the six-year, six-point proposal would save the NHL a total that ex-

The union said all current contracts would be cut, a move that would save NHL teams \$270 million in the first year and \$528 million over three years. The players' association offer on Sept. 9 only included a

5 percent salary rollback Another key portion of the proposal is a luxury tax, but those numbers were similar to the previous offer. If a deal is there to be made, the payroll tax would likely be the area that provides the most room for ne-

gotiation. "I'm not sitting here saving that some thing couldn't be moved or adjusted, but I am saying this is the basis for an agreement, this is the basis for there to be hockey this year," NHLPA executive director

Bob Goodenow said Bettman said the NHL needed time to go through the offer. The sides agreed to postpone the next meeting from Friday until Tuesday, either in New York or Toronto. At that time, Bettman said the league

will likely make a counterproposal Time is running short to work out a deal d still have a legitimate season. Already 382 regular-season games, plus the All-Star Game, have been canceled.

declined to announce drop-dead date that would make the NHL the first major North American league to cancel an entire season over a labor dis-

When we have the deal, we'll see what we can do about having a semblance of a season." Bettman said.

After this major giveback offer, players d an even stronger resolve against a cap. "If they want to come back with a linkage to a salary cap, then there will be no season," said Ottawa forward Daniel Alfredsson, who would stand to lose millions

of a recently signed five-year deal. The proposed luxury tax would penalize teams 20 cents for each dollar they spend between \$45 million and \$50 million. The penalty would increase to 25 percent the

second year and 30 percent in the third. Teams spending between \$50 million and \$60 million would be taxed 50 cents on the dollar the first year, 55 cents the second year and 60 cents the third. Those with payrolls above that would have to pay 60 cents for every dollar the first year, 65 cents the second, and 70 cents the third

year on each dollar over the threshold.

The NHLPA offered to change arbitration and make it more like baseball's sys-tem in which clubs and players submit fig-

ures for an arbitrator to decide on An entry-level contract cap of \$850,000 also was proposed, which would return the ceiling to that of the 1995 draft class. Last season, the cap on entry-level contracts was \$1.295 million.

The players' association also proposed a revenue-sharing plan to bring the bottom 15 teams within 30 percent of the revenues

This is no grandstand ploy. ... This is serious negotiations," Goodenow said.

Arenas have been given the go-ahead by the league to free dates previously reserved for hockey on a 45-day rolling basis. As of now, that means there won't be any games before late January.

Bettman has said that teams lost a total of more than \$1.8 billion over 10 years and that management will not agree to a deal without a defined relationship between revenue and salaries. Owners say teams lost \$273 million in 2002-03 and \$224 million

# With skill and grace, Hamm set standard for all athletes

launched a thousand kicks, then tens of thousands, then millions, a rare blend of brains, beauty and hard-nosed grace that redefined what it meant to play like a girl. But Mia Hamm's influence

didn't end there. Like every great athlete, she

knew that every game mattered, that every

Jim Litke



raised the bar, everybody who played along-side or after would have to pull that little bit extra out of themselves. And if makteammates better

time

is the ultimate compliment bestowed on an athlete, what more can be said about Hamm and that small band of soccer players who lifted an entire sport to heights that once

seemed unimaginable. This: Under her leadership, they never, ever took a night off

"We all understand there's a bigger perspective." Hamm said Wednesday night, moments after joining longtime teammates and fellow retirees Julie Foudy and Joy Fawcett on the sidelines after a 5-0 win over Mexico. "We want to make sure this game and these girls go forward together.

Wednesday night's game in Car-

10-match, post-Olympics tour by the U.S. national team to mark the end of an era. The game itself was little more than a chance for the trio to take their bows on the international stage one final time in

what soccer fans call a "friendly." Typically, though, Hamm wouldn't allow the friendly part of the evening until she'd taken

care of business. In the opening 20 minutes, she set up the first two goals and saw her bid for another ricochet off the crossbar. Midway through the second half, with the U.S. women already ahead 5-0. Hamm chased a teammate's pass into the goalbox and ran into Mexican goalkeeper Pamela Tajonar instead, a collision that left her clutching her knee and writhing on the turf It wasn't until she'd hobbled around for another 15 minutes or so that Hamm finally walked off the pitch, stopping to shake hands with every player and coach.

Like all pioneers, she and the handful of others who blazed the trail for women's soccer were overachievers by nature. They put their lives on hold and bottled up their emotions for almost 20 years on that long, difficult march to find a place to play. They never had to be told to act like ambassadors. They always knew exactly what was at stake

"Think of it this way. Imagine that Magic, Larry Bird, Michael Jordan, Shaq, Kobe and LeBron were all on one team for 15 years. That's what we have had with our women's national team." U.S. national team coach April Heinrichs said

It wasn't simply the winning that made this bunch remarkable, though there was plenty of that: World Cup championships in 1991 and 1999, and Olympic gold medals last summer and in 1996. It wasn't just about proving to TV corporate sponsors and the other half of America that women athletes can draw an audience and it, though they accomplished that, too. It wasn't just about opportunities for women and girls, either, though you could make the argument they did more to create those than any

thing this side of Title IX She's the first real team superstar that women's sports pro-duced, and as such, she's undoubtedly inspired more girls to step onto a playing surface than all other female athletes combined.

It didn't hurt that Hamm was attractive, articulate and way more modest than any man who's ever achieved such a lofty status. Of course, those things will only make it tougher on anybody who would step into her shoes, which is exactly the way Hamm would have wanted it.

"Ask yourself if you could have your choice of role models, would you ask for a day with Mia Hamm or Julie Foudy or with a famous male athlete of today?" Heinrichs said as the celebration drew to a "They had an impact on America's consciousness, on women's sports, on women's voices.' Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press, Write to him

# U.S. sprinter Collins suspended eight years

DENVER Sprinter Michelle Collins was suspended for eight years for a doping violation linked to

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the BALCO scandal and will forfeit results that include 2003 indoor world

and U.S. titles in the 200 meters The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said Friday that a three-mem ber panel of the American Arbiion Association concluded Collins, 33, used various performance-enhancing substances that allegedly were provided by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Op-

Though Collins never tested positive for banned substances, the appeals panel concluded she used the drugs for several years

"She engaged in a pattern of doping involving multiple drugs over a substantial period of time, during which she engaged and succeeded in many competi-tions," the ruling said. "The steroids she took, such as THG, and the complex and coordinated timing of her doping were de-signed, even more than the usual doping offenses, not to be

detected USADA based its case on pat terns observed from blood and urine tests Collins had in recent vears, along with documents seized from BALCO by federal prosecutors and statements made by BALCO officials.

Among the documents re-

e-mails Collins sent to BALCO owner Victor Conte, including one in which she asked whether she could use a testosterone gel with a cream she already had

#### Monty, Woods, Furyk tied

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. Colin Montgomerie was thrilled to get an invitation from Tiger Woods to play in his year-end tournament with 15 of the best players in golf. Even better was matching Woods' score.

Montgomerie hit a 5-wood into about 8 feet for eagle on the 16th hole, giving him a 4-under 67 and a share of the lead Thursday with Woods and Jim Furyk after the first round of the Target World Challenge

Woods and Furyk didn't do anything quite so dramatic. They just kept out of trouble and avoided the kind of mistakes that knocked Chris DiMarco out of the lead twice and sent Vijay Singh to a 3-over 74, matching the worst round on a pristine day at Sherwood Country Club.

#### Utah State hires Guy

LOGAN, Utah — Brent Guy was hired to coach Utah State on Friday after spending the last four seasons as an assistant with Arizona State.

Guy, a former Utah State assistant from 1992-94, was defen-sive coordinator and linebackers coach for the Sun Devils.

He replaces Mick Dennehy. who was fired after posting a 19-37 record in the past five vears.

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# **Panthers F Jackson** continues hot streak

# Junior has 43 points, 19 rebounds to lead Kadena over Kubasaki

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa -Z'aire Jackson's statistics in his past two games seem other-world

The Kadena Panthers junior forward continued his one-man display of hoop pyrotechnics Friday night, scoring 43 points, grab-bing 19 rebounds and blocking five shots in a 103-93 Okinawa Ac tivities Council triumph on the Kubasaki Dragons' home court. Jackson has 87 points, 31 re-

bounds and 11 blocks in his past two games, including Kadena's 95-79 victory last Saturday over Maehara, a Japanese team.

"He's [Jackson] been a man on a mission," Kadena coach Robert Bliss said. "I'm impressed. He's so aggressive going to the basket, he can read where the ball's coming off [the backboards], he moves so well and so quickly. He can make the big plays."

Jackson's deeds overcame a

huge performance by Kubasaki senior guard Marcus Carson, who had 32 points, eight rebounds, six assists and five steals before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Junior Stephen Thompson added 23 Ellis added 23 points.

Carson "played an unbeliev-able game." Bliss said. "He did so many things well. And Thompson played beautifully, too."

Panthers senior guard Tyler Schmidt keved a 15-4 run with a driving layup late in the first quarter, and the Panthers led by as many as 11 before Thompson's inside bucket cut it to 46-44 just before halftime

Carson scored 14 third-quarter points, two on a driving lavun just as the shot clock expired, spark ing the Dragons to an 11-point lead. But Kadena rallied, with Schmidt's jumper from the right side slicing it to 70-69 as the third quarter ended.

Kadena's Terence Reid, who scored 18 points, sank his fifth three-pointer just as the fourth quarter opened, giving Kadena the lead for keeps.

The victory avenged Kubasaki's 76-72 victory over Kadena two weeks ago during the 35th Hong Kong International School Holiday Tournament.

In that game, senior Ronnie Stephens led the way with 22 points, but he sprained an ankle during the tournament and hasn't played since.

Dragons coach Chris Sullivan said not having Stephens was a factor, as were fouls — Kubasaki lost starting guard Vincent Hobbs and forward Reggie Pearson to foulouts, in addition to Carson. But the big factor, Sullivan said, was "too much 33," refer-

ring to Jackson's jersey number.

"He has such a strong move to the basket. He slices well and he gets up so high. He has a terrific first step to the basket." Sullivan

Unlike the boys' shootout, the



Kadena Panthers' Z'aire Jackson, blocks a shot by Kubasaki Dragons' Stephen Thompson (25) on Friday at Camp Foster, Okinawa. Kadena beat Kubasaki 103-93.

Panthers-Dragons girls game began and ended as a one-sided affair, as Kadena junior Liz Cotto and senior Sherlissa Dukes scored 16 points each in a 61-41 romp over Kubasaki in a battle of the past two Far East Class AA Tournament champions.

Seoul American 76, Osan 31: At Osan Air Base, South Korea, junior point guard Jay Higgings scored 19 points and grabbed 15 rebounds as the Falcons im-proved to 2-0 in the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference with a rout of Osan American on Friday.

The 6-foot-5 Higgins played in the shadows of back-to-back Far East Class AA Tournament MVPs Nino Etienne and Jake Abramowitz, but showed that he's ready for a starring role

"Higgins was just unbelievable," Falcons coach Sieve Boyssaid. "This was his coming out. He just took the game over. The past couple of years, he was the supporting cast, but I said before this season, this was his and (backup Jamaal) Mohn's team to run. Tonight, he was the differ-ence-maker."

Boyd's other advantage was putting Phillippe Anglade, a quick defender, on Cougars scorer Chris Durham in a "box-and-one" defense. Durham, who had nine first-quarter points, was held to four the rest of the way.

Likewise, the Falcons girls, 60-29 winners over the Cougars. gave Osan American's 6-foot-4 junior center Margaret Nurse fits inside, holding her to 13 points Seoul American's girls joined the boys at 2-0 in KAIAC play



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Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis, above, (12,980 rushing yards) and the Jets' Curtis Martin (12,974) are close to achieving another milestone.

# Steelers, Jets meet in AFC showdown

BY DAVE GOLDBERG The Associated Press

The Pittsburgh Steelers barely escaped a loss in Jacksonville last week, thanks to Ben Roethlisberger's first late game-winning drive. With the AFC North just about wrapped up, they take on the New York Jets on Sunday, hoping to their run toward home-field advantage.

The Steelers have won 10 in a row, and the Jets have won three straight after a midseason slide. It's unlikely New York can catch New England in the AFC East. but the Jets lead the wild-card race by two games and have Chad Pennington back at quarterback

Pittsburgh, which can clinch its division with a win, is favored by 6 points. That seems like a lot, especially for a team that tends to play things close, but the spread jumped when the Jets confirmed that defensive end John Abraham, who is having a career year, is out with a knee injury.

There might actually be more

at stake for Pittsburgh than New York in this one.

The Steelers handed the Patriots their only loss, giving them the edge for home-field advantage in the playoffs if they win out. The Jets have their wild-card

lead, and the teams behind them are stumbling a bit, so a defeat

Pittsburgh seems to have a touch of magic. In Jacksonville, the Steelers scored two touch-

downs in the first 13 minutes. Then they were held scoreless until the Jaguars took the lead with just under 2 minutes left. So Roethlisberger simply completed three consecutive passes

to get Pittsburgh in scoring position, and Jeff Reed kicked a 36-vard field goal. Most important, the Jets are

0-9 in Pennsylvania. Make that 0-10 — barely

STEELERS, 17-16.

Cincinnati (plus 11) at New England: The Bengals' comeback win in Baltimore last week was their most impressive in more than a decade. But the Patriots have been on a rampage since losing in Pittsburgh, and Corey Dillon should be up for his ex-mates. ... PATRIOTS, 31-17.

Indianapolis (minus 101/2) at



Houston: Peyton Manning had five TD passes in a 49-14 win over the Texans in Indy and would break Dan Marino's seawould break Dan Marino's sea-son record of 48 if he does it again... COLTS, 34-26. St. Louis (plus 6½) at Carolina: Chris Chandler starts in place of

the injured Marc Bulger for St. Louis, which has a chance to win the NFC West with a losin record.... PANTHERS. 24-17.

New Orleans (plus 7) at Dallas Julius Jones has revived Dallas offense. ... COWBOYS 31-20. Philadelphia (minus 9) at Wash-

ington: Is there any reason to think the Eagles won't finish EAGLES, 20-2.

Oakland (plus 7½) at Atlanta: Atlanta wraps up the NFC South.

... FALCONS, 24-20. Tampa Bay (plus 5½) at San Diego: Bucs are coming on; San

Diego might be down after big win.... BUCS, 22-20. Seattle (plus 6½) at Minnesota: Two feeble NFC contenders. ... VI-

KINGS, 37-30.

New York Giants (plus 10) at Baltimore: These Giants look like the team that lost its final eight last season. ... RAVENS, 24-6.

Kansas City (off) at Tennessee (Monday night): This kind of matchup is the reason the league will be more flexible with

will be more flexible with prime-time games in the future. ... CHIEFS, 34-27. Chicago (plus 7) at Jackson-ville: The Jaguars' six wins are by total of 23 points. ... JAGUARS,

Cleveland (plus 111/2) at Buffalo: Who knows what would have happened if the Bills hadn't stumled early. ... BILLS, 27-10. Miami (plus 11½) at Denver:

Jake Plummer's erratic ways won't matter here. ... BRONCOS. 24-10

Detroit (plus 9½) at Green Bay: An indoor team at Lambeau in De cember? ... PACKERS, 32-9. San Francisco (plus 61/2) at Ari-

zona: Even with Denny Green's QB shuffle ... CARDS, 24-15. Last week: 7-8-1 (spread), 9-7

Last we-(straight up). (spread). 125-67 (straight up)

# Shanahan says he intends to honor Broncos contract

DENVER - Trying to defuse rumors that he might be leaving soon Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Thursday night that he intends to honor the final four years of his contract.

Some media outlets have reported the Broncos coach could be a candidate for the vacant job at Notre Dame. Last month, Shanahan was rumored to be a candidate

for the Miami Dolphins job Speculation about his future has increased in the past couple of days. Last Sunday, the Broncos lost their second straight game and fell to 7-5, two games out of first place in the AFC West and tied for the final AFC wild-card

"As I've said all along, I have four years remaining on my con-tract here and I intend to honor Shanahan said in a statement made through Broncos spokesman Jim Saccomano

That was a much more emphatic stance than the coach took Wednesday when, asked if he would return next year if given the choice, he essentially ignored the question and said he wanted to concentrate on Denver's up coming game against Miami.

Broncos owner Pat Bowlen has long said Shanahan has the job as long as he wants it. This is Shanahan's 10th season with the Broncos. He has not won a playoff game since the 1999 Super Bowl. which was John Elway's final game with the team

#### FRI: Racial hate mail sent to NFL reaching high schools

CLEVELAND - A person who has sent threatening letters denouncing interracial relationships to some NFL players and

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other prominent black men now is targeting high school athletes. authorities said Thursday.

St. Ignatius and St. Edward, two Catholic high schools in Cleveland with well-known sports programs, received threatening letters addressed to student athletes, FBI special agent Bob Hawk said. St. Ignatius received eight letters on Nov. 30. St. Edward received two letters last

week

"The sentence structure is very similar, the paragraph structure, the verbiage structure. They're all computer generated," Hawk said. "We're convinced that it's the same letter writer

Hawk said he only knew of schools in Ohio receiving letters.

Over the past two years, 60 such letters have been sent to at least six NFL players and other well-known black men across the nation, including civic and business leaders. None of the recipients has been identified.

The mail, postmarked from cities in northeastern Ohio and Pennsylvania, criticized interracial relationships and directed the men to end such relationships 'or they're going to be castrated,

shot or set on fire.' The FBI says it has no suspect and is asking anyone with information to contact the agency.

#### Broncos waive punter/kicker Knorr, pick up Baker

DENVER - Several weeks of lackluster punts and kickoffs cost Micah Knorr his job with the Denver Broncos on Thursday.

#### NFL injury update

Lowell by Yearn's propholis-sehawks: We Jerry Rice (strained left quadriceps) and WR Darrel lackson (un-disclosed lines) listed as probable for Sunday's game at Minnesota. Steelers: WR Polis Counta's Same against the New York Jests (S Bern Recht-lisberger (bruised thigh) practiced Thursday and is listed as probable. Cardinals: RB Emmitt Smith (prained questionable for Sunday's game against San Francisco.

Denver waived Knorr and signed Jason Baker, cut a day earlier by Indianapolis. Knorr is thought to have a good

leg, but he struggled Sunday in Denver's 20-17 loss to the Chargers. Two punts didn't go 40 vards: one was returned to the Denver 21 and resulted in a San Diego touchdown

The Broncos struggled with field position all day, and all four Chargers scores came off drives that began in Denver territory.

Knorr's 41.5-yard average is 12th in the AFC and his net of 34.2 is tied for 14th. He leads the league in touchbacks on kickoffs with 15, but only four of those have come in the past seven

#### Bills CB Vincent might return after two-month hiatus

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - Buffalo Bills cornerback Troy Vincent could play for the first time in more than two months Sunday against Cleveland.

Vincent tore cartilage in his right knee in the third game of the season, had surgery and has not played since.

He practiced this week, and coach Mike Mularkey sounded optimistic about the possibility of

him playing against the Browns. "He's had a really good week of work," Mularkey said Friday.

# Middleman: From tiny Lovington, N.M., Urlacher hits the big time in Chicago

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bers that certainly would be higher if he hadn't been forced out of four games.

"It's what I do, you know. I love to play, everyone knows that, I think. I say it every week, Urlacher said.

"You know it's my job. I like being out there with my teammates, I love practicing, I love being in the locker room. It's just, football is fun. That's really all I can say about it. I want to back out there as fast as I could

In June 2003, Urlacher signed a nine-year, \$58.5 million contract and there have been several commercial endorsements, making him one of the city's most recognizable personalities.

He grew up in the small New Mexico town of Lovington, population 9,000, and now he's a fixture in a metropolitan area of 8

"I just know I've never seen an athlete like him," Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "I've never seen a superstar like him. He's a nerfect teammate to the guvs in the locker room. He will let you coach him. ... A lot of times some of the superstars have answers and they don't let you coach them. But he's

Urlacher's instincts are certainly responsible for much of his success. He seems to have a feel for the ball, has the speed and strength to chase down hall carriers, knock down quarterbacks or break up passes.

definitely not that way.

But he also studies more than most people know, says defensive coordinator Ron Rivera, a linebacker on the Bears' only Super Bowl winner.

"I think people don't realize that Brian comes in on Mondays and off days and is watching films," Rivera said. "He spends time down here by himself. I don't think people really understand or know that he does those things, but as far as Brian is concerned, that's fine with him.

Urlacher's concern this week is Jacksonville's Fred Taylor and Byron Leftwich, finding a way to disrupt the Jaguars' offense as both teams try to reach the playoffs with a strong final month.

Urlacher sometimes sits out practice - he did on Thursday this week - for precautionary measures and admitted he was weary last week after having missed the previous two games. But that won't keep him from being one of the most active players on the field Sunday.

"Our season is not over yet and I want to play as much as I can," he said. "So it comes down to just loving to play and being out there with my teammates."

# 'New' D-backs add Russ Ortiz

# Arizona follows signing of Glaus by picking up ex-Atlanta rightie

BY JIMMY GOLEN

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Arizona Diamondbacks kept busy Friday, signing free-agent pitcher Russ Ortiz to a four-year, \$33 million deal a day after agreeing to terms with slugger Troy Glaus.

"I could see that they were serious," Ortiz said after slipping on a Diamondbacks jersey as Glaus looked on. "Winning's important.

Baseball roundup

Winning's important.

I wanted to be a part of what they're trying to accomplish.

"They con-

roundup "They convinced me from day one they were headed in that direction,"

he said.
The Diamondbacks are trying to rebound from last season's 51-111 record that left them last in the NL West. They signed Glaus, the 2002 World Series

MVP, to a four-year, \$45 million deal even before baseball's winter meetings revved up. They're still trying to trade ace Randy Johnson or sign him to an

extension

"Randy is obviously an icon for this city," Diamondbacks managing partner Ken Kendrick said. "We'd love to have Randy be with us and finish his career with us. I think he knows that."

Ortiz went 15-9 with a 4.13 ERA in 204 innings for Atlanta last season, but slumped late and won just twice in his last 10 regular-season starts. Ortiz started Game 4 of the first-round playoff series against the Houston Astros and gave up five runs in three innings. Atlanta was eliminated in five games.

Since the end of the season, Arizona also hired manager Bob Melvin. He got the job after the Diamondbacks decided to hire Wally Backman but then cut him loose after revelations that he'd had legal problems.

"The new Diamondbacks are representative ... of the type of guys we want to go forward with," Kendrick said.

Ortiz pitched five seasons for the San Francisco Giants before going to Atlanta and pitching two years with the Braves, making the NL All-Star team in 2003 when he went 21-7 with a 3.81 ERA. He is 103-60 with a 4.00 ERA in his career with 1,004 strikeouts in 1,341 innings.

Ortiz is one of three pitchers, along with Bartolo Colon and Greg Maddux, to win at least 14 games in each of the past six seasons, and his 77 victories since the 2000 All-Star break is the most in the NL. He has not missed a start in his career.

Also on Friday, the Anaheim Angels called a news conference and were expected to announce the signing of center fielder Steve Finley.

Finley would play center field with Garret Anderson moving to left. The Angels traded starting left fielder Jose Guillen to the Washington Nationals last month,



Jeff Kent ended a scoreless duel in the 10th inning of Game 5 of the NL championship series with this three-run homer for the Houston Astros.

leaving an opening in their out-

The 39-year-old Finley was a key in the Los Angeles Dodgers' playoff run last season — their first postseason appearance since

He hit .263 with 13 homers and 46 RBIs in 58 games for the Dodgers after being acquired from Arizona on July 31. Overall, Finley hit .271 with 36 homers and 94 RBIs.

A four-time Gold Glove Award winner and two-time All-Star, Finley has a career batting average of .276 with a .450 slugging percentage. He has averaged 27 homers and 87 RBIs over the past six years. Finley's grand slam on the next-to-last day of last season capped a seven-run ninth inning, giving the Dodgers a 7-3 victory over San Francisco and clinching the NL West title. Glaus, the 2002 World Series

MVP for Anaheim, agreed Thursday to a \$45 million, four-year contract with Arizona. Also on Thursday, the Dodgers signed Jeff Kent. late of the Hous-

ton Astros, to a two-year contract worth \$17 million. Kent, 36, hit. 289 with 27 homers and 107 RBIs last season and made the NL All-Star team for the fourth time. In 13 seasons, the 2000 NL MVP has a . 289 career average with 302 homers and 1,207 RBIs.

# Kent: Bonds' involvement isn't a shock

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jeff Kent isn't shocked that San Francisco slugger Barry Bonds is the focus of baseball's steroid scandal.

"I won't get into specifics, but in general, I'm not surprised," Kent said when asked what he thought about Bonds' acknowldeging, during grand jury testimony last year, that he used a substance he didn't know contained sternids.

"It's embarrassing that we've come to this point, where we have grand jury testimony coming out as evidence against some players," added Kent, Bonds' teammate for six seasons with the Giants.

"I think we all know that there was a problem, but I think we were all hesitant because we didn't know the real truth about the issue at hand — the steroid issue."

Bonds' testimony last year in the investigation of a steroid-distribution ring was leaked to the San Francisco Chronicle. The story came out one day after New York Yankees slugger Jason Giambi's testimony to that same grand jury was reported by the Chronicle.

"It's sad to see that there are still accusations and investigations. The integrity of the game has been hurt by this, and it's embarrassing to me as a player," said Kent, who signed a two-year, \$17 million contract Thursday with the Los Angeles Dodgers. "It's embarrassing to base-

ball," Kent said. "We addressed it with the bargaining agreement a few years back. We needed to do something to fix it at that time, and obviously, I don't think we did a good enough job to fix it."

# Bradley loses appeal of jail term

The Associated Press

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio—
The Ohio Supreme Court rejected former Cleveland Indians outfielder Milton Bradley's appeal of
a three-day jail sentence he received for driving away from police who were trying to give him a
speeding ticket.

Bradley, who now plays for the Los Angeles Dodgers, pleaded guilty earlier this year to a charge of obstructing official business, a second-degree misdemeanor, in the August 2003 incodent. He was sentenced to three days in jail and 40 hours' community service and fined \$250.

Bradley's lawyer appealed the sentence, saying the offense did not merit jail time and would hurt Bradley professionally.

A new sentencing hearing was scheduled for Wednesday in Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court. The Supreme Court rejected hearing the appeal on Dec. 1.

Bradley's lawyer did not return



a message seeking comment Friday.

The outfielder faces a Feb. 22 trial in Barberton Municipal Court on a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct stemming from a Nov. 25 arrest for interfering with someone else's traffictop. Bradley, 26, has asked for a jury trial. If convicted, he could face 30 days in jail or a \$250 fine.

Bradley was suspended for five games in late September by Major League Baseball for slamming a plastic bottle into the front row at Dodger Stadium after a fan had thrown it onto the field.

### Red Sox to carry World Series trophy to Maine

PORTLAND, Maine — The Boston Red Sox will bring their World Series trophy to Maine next week, and the team's repre-

sentatives are going to cover much more ground than originally envisioned.

Gov. John Baldacci announced Thursday that the Red Sox will visit Portland on Friday, Dec. 17. The following day the trophy will be taken on a road trip with stops in Presque Isle, Bangor and Augusta. The Red Sox were originally scheduled to come to Portland on Nov. 3, but the visit was postponed due to a scheduling conflict.

"It will be the largest rally Portland has ever seen," predicted Portland's marketing and communications manager, Liz Darling.

She helped plan the New England Patriots Super Bowl rally last April, which drew an estimated 45,000.

"We're anticipating this to be larger," she said.

The Red Sox won the World Series in October with a four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals. It was Boston's first World Series title since 1918.





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# McGrady's rally boosts **Rockets against Spurs**

HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady was racing down the court with the ball, his eyes focused squarely on the basket and the fate of the game in his hands.

No way he was going to settle for a tie and overtime. McGrady was thinking about making a game-winning three-pointer the whole

"I wanted to take my chances," McGrady said, "At that point, I felt anything I threw up was NBA

ng to go in. The rim felt really, really big. So McGrady let fly with

a running three with 1.7 seconds left, capping a one-man rally in the final minute to send the Houston Rockets to an improbable 81-80 win

over San Antonio on Thursday night. McGrady scored 13 points in the final 35 seconds, including four difficult threes, to finish with 33 points, eight rebounds and five

steals in a terrific clutch performance.
"It was unbelievable," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, shaking his head, "End of story. Guys get hot."

The sleepy-eyed, 25-year-old All-Star put on a virtuoso finish that rivaled any of the top last-second efforts in the league record books McGrady's amazing display inevitably

brought back memories of Reggie Miller's career-defining moment against the New York Knicks in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals in 1995. Miller scored eight

straight points in the final 8.9 seconds of Indiana's 107-105 win.

Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy, an assistant coach for the Knicks then, was even stumped for a comparison to McGrady's fourth-quarter flourish.

"Sometimes when you work, you get miracles," he said.

McGrady was mobbed by teammates near midcourt, while red-and-white confetti poured from the roof. The Spurs watched the celebration then walked off the court in stunned silence

"I swear, I've never been a part of anything like that," McGrady said, "That was like the best feeling to me, just to have my teammates embrace me and just jumping on me like that. That was a great feeling.

Then, he smiled.

"For all those fans who left the game early ya'll missed a great game," he said.

SuperSonics 107, Mavericks 102: At Dallas. Rashard Lewis refused to let Seattle give away a game it had dominated.

The small forward erased a fourth-quarter deficit then protected the lead with a high-flying baseline dunk, a three-pointer as the shot clock expired and two free throws with 18.5 seconds to go.

One night after becoming the first team this season to win in San Antonio. Seattle won its fourth straight and ninth in 10 games to reclaim the NBA's best record at 17-3.

Trail Blazers 89, Celtics 87: Shareef Abdur-Rahim hit buzzer-beating a



Houston Rockets' Tracy McGrady, left, and San Antonio Spurs' Malik Rose battle for a rebound in the second half Thursday night.

three-pointer to lead the Trail Blazers to a dramatic victory

Boston led 87-84 with 29.3 seconds left, but Zach Randolph made two free throws to make it a one-point game. After letting time run down, the Celtics' Gary Payton tried to get the ball in to Paul Pierce, but the shot-clock expired and left Portland with one final chance

Abdur-Rahim caught an outlet pass from Derek Anderson, set up from 25 feet and drilled the winning shot.

# NBA stays away from hearing

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Along one side of a rectangular conference table were at least a half-dozen chairs set up for the NBA's legal delega-

tion For more than six hours, they

sat empty

One of the strangest grievance hearings in NBA history unfolded Thursday at a Manhattan law office just three blocks from league headquarters, with arbitrator Roger Kaplan hearing arguments on the brawl-related suspensions issued by Commissioner David Stern.

The NBA, contending the arbitrator had no jurisdiction, declined to participate and made no public comment after the proceeding.

From the league's perspective, the empty chairs said it all.

Stern, citing a clause in the collective bargaining agreement giving him sole authority to impose discipline for on-court behavior. suspended Artest for the remainder of the season, Jackson for 30 games, O'Neal for 25 games and Johnson for five - for their roles in a Nov. 19 brawl in the Indiana Pacers' game at Detroit

The union contends the penal-



Indiana Pacers' Ron Artest arrives for a meeting with the players association Thursday in New York.

ties were excessive and asked for a "significant" reduction in each although officials would not specify what alternative penalties they suggested.

Kaplan must issue two rulings whether he had jurisdiction to hear a grievance, as well as the actual grievance itself. If he were to rule in favor of the union on both counts, the players would likely sue in federal court to have Kaplan's judgment enforced

The NBA has already filed suit against the union and the four Manhattan, contending they are pursuing a grievance before an arbitrator who has no authority to

That lawsuit remains pending with the league having decided earlier this week not to seek a temporary restraining order that might have prevented Thursday's hearing from going forward.

Kaplan said he would try to issue a ruling before the latter part of next week, though he made no promises.

# Owner Gund in 'serious' talks to sell Cavaliers

CLEVELAND - Gordon Gund is about to hit another NBA lot-

Cleveland Cavaliers' The Cleveland Cavallers owner is involved in "serious" negotiations to sell the franchise that has risen from the league's

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basement unnrecedent. ed popularity since the arriv al of star LeBron James. Gund

bought the Cavaliers in 1983 for \$20 million, may soon sell them to bert for a reported \$375 million. The Cavaliers' turnamund began on May 22, 2003, when a pingpong ball bounced their way in the league's draft lottery and they won the rights to draft James. With him, the Cavaliers have been soaring ever since.

On Thursday night, Gund released a statement saying the sale was possible.

"We are engaged in serious negotiations to sell the Cleveland Cavaliers to a new principal owner," Gund said. "A potential buyer is presently verifying information about the Cavaliers If matters go forward beyond this stage, we will enter into a formal contract subject to NBA approv-

Team spokesman Tad Carpe said the team would have no further comment.

Citing unidentified sources, the

that Gilbert was the potential hover Gilbert is chief executive of Livonia, Mich.-based Quicken Loans, the nation's largest online retail mortgage lender. He previously tried to buy the Milwaukee

#### Wizards bench Brown

WASHINGTON — The Wash ington Wizards suspended Kwame Brown for one game Thursday for his actions during the previous night's game against Denver Brown refused to join a team

huddle after the coach Eddie Jordan berated him and the rest of the team for a poor defensive series in the second quarter of Wednesday's 111-105 loss to the Nuggets. Jordan benched Brown for the

rest of the game and was excused from Thursday's practice. Brown will miss Friday's game

against the New York Knicks.

#### **Nuggets' White suspended**

NEW YORK - Denver Nuggets forward Rodney White was suspended without pay for one game by the NBA on Thursday for pleading guilty to unlawful session of a weapon.

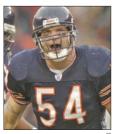
He will miss Friday's game against the Toronto Raptors.

White pleaded guilty to two weapons charges Tuesday in Washington, D.C., and agreed to 100 hours of community service. A third charge was dropped.

# **SPORTS**



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Four-time Pro Bowler Brian Urlacher. above, said, "I like being out there with my teammates. I love practicing. I love being in the locker room. It's just, football is fun.

# Urlacher draws comparisons with Butkus. Singletary

BY RICK GANO The Associated Press

CHICAGO - During the summer before he went away to college at New Mexico, Brian Urlacher worked pipeline construction - 12-hour shifts in 100-degree heat for \$7 an hour.

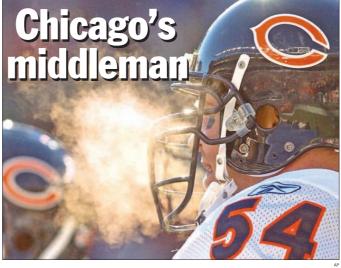
Those long days of toil developed a toughness that hasn't wavered, even years later when Urlacher plays for millions as the middle linebacker of the Chicago Bears.

When his left calf swelled up like two grapefruits after a game Nov. 14, his foot went numb in the middle of the night and he needed surgery at 5 a.m. to relieve pressure from internal bleeding, doctors told him he'd be out 4-6 weeks.

Less than three weeks later, Urlacher was back on the field, playing his best game of the season: running side to side with a fury; intercepting a pass inside the 5-yard line: breaking up another pass: and making a sack among his 11 tackles to push the Bears to victory over the Minnesota Vikings last Sunday.

"It just healed better than they thought it could, I guess. I really don't know how to explain it." Urlacher said.

There is no need to explain just how much better the Bears are with Urlacher than without him. It's so obvious



Bears middle linebacker Brian Urlacher (54) has been selected to the Pro Bowl in each of his first four seasons. He's missed only four games in his NFL career — all Chicago losses and all of them this season. The Bears are 5-3 this season with him in the lineup.

Chicago is 5-3 when he's on the field, calling the defensive signals and inspiring his teammates to measure up. When he's been out this season - also missing two games with a hamstring injury that cost him the

entire preseason - they're 0-4 "When we are out on the field and it's a pressure situation, he will come out and

start joking around with you and let us know, 'Hey, it's a game and let's just do what we do,'" second-year linebacker Lance Briggs said.

"When he's not there, you feel like you have to be so much more sound. And when he's there, you have a guy who is going to make plays."

Brian

Urlacher

As a college safety and linebacker with speed and offensive skills, Urlacher was taken by the Bears in the first round of the 2000 draft out of New Mexico, one of the few colleges to show interest in him.

And after moving to middle linebacker in the third game of his rookie season, he's be-come an instant hit on and off the field. He was the 2000 Defensive Rookie of the Year.

He is now the face of the Bears, being talked about with great linebackers Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary. His No. 54 jersey has been one of the NFL's top sellers. He's made the Pro Bowl in each of his four seasons, a span in which he never missed a

game because of injury. That changed this year when he hurt his hamstring in the first practice of training camp, meaning he's spent a lot of the season rounding into shape while battling two

Urlacher has five sacks and one intercention. He's also forced two fumbles, num-

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(left). taking Vikings QB Daunte Culpepper last Sunday, has 26½ sacks in 72 NFL games.

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Heisman finalist Peterson has stiff-armed all of the hype

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